

February 5, 2019

Provider Memorandum

Physician Certification Statement Form

A Provider Notice was Issued by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) on November 11, 2018, stating providers should start using the new standardized medical necessity form, [HFS 2270 Physician Certification Statement \(PCS\)](#), for all non-emergency transportation, including Ambulance, Mediar/Wheelchair Van and Service Car transports. This is in accordance to the Public Act 100-0646 signed by the Governor on 07/27/18, proclaiming that a Physician Certification Statement (PCS form) must exist for all Managed Care non-emergency transports via ground Ambulance, Mediar and Service Car, when the transport originates from a Long Term Care (LTC) facility or a hospital.

Since then, HFS has made this policy a requirement and as a result, effective with dates of service February 1, 2019 and after, Next Level Health (NLH) will follow the notice and require all non-emergency transportation, including Ambulance, Mediar/Wheelchair Van and Service Car transports to obtain a Physician Certification Statement (PCS form) from a hospital or Long Term Care facility before the non-emergency transportation. Therefore, the approval or denial determination of the prior authorization would be made by Next Level Health prior to the transport and dependent on presence of the PCS form.

This new PCS form is a replacement for the current Illinois Medicaid Medical Certification for Non-Emergency Ambulance (MCA) form that is currently required for hospital discharges via ground ambulance, as well as the documentation to use for any non-emergency transports from a hospital or nursing home (not just hospital discharges).

To allow for flexibility in applying this new concept to your PA requirements, NLH will implement this policy into our system on March 1, 2019. All services thereafter will be denied if the PCS form is not attached.

We appreciate your continued participation in NextLevel Health's network of valued providers. Any additional Questions may be directed to: **ProviderRep.Webex@NLHpartners.com** .

Thank you,
Provider Services.