

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR



BARIATRIC PATIENT HANDLING AND MOVEMENT

Patient Name _____ Medicaid # _____ Date _____

Requesting Facility _____ Requesting Party _____

I. Patient’s Level of Assistance:

- Partial Assist—Patient requires no more help than stand-by, cueing, or coaxing, or no more than 50% physical assistance by the nurse.
- Dependent—Patient requires more than 50% assistance by caregivers, or is unpredictable in the amount of assistance offered.
- Dependent—Patient requires 100% assistance by one or more caregivers, or is confined to bed or chair.

An assessment should be made prior to each transport, if the patient has varying level of ability to assist due to medical reasons, fatigue, medications, etc. When in doubt, assume the patient cannot assist with the transfer/repositioning.

II. Weight Bearing Capability

III. Upper Extremity Strength

- Full
- Partial
- No

- Yes
- No

III. Weight: _____ **Height:** _____ **Diagnosis code (ICD9)** _____
Body Mass Index (BMI) [needed if weight under 400 pounds]¹ : _____
If BMI exceeds 50, institute Bariatric Transportation.

The presence of the following conditions are likely to affect the transfer/transportation process and should be considered when identifying equipment and technique needed to move the patient.

VI. Conditions that may affect transfer/repositioning. (Check all that apply)

- Hip/knee replacements
- Postural hypotension
- Amputation
- Paralysis/paresis
- Splints/traction
- Unstable spine
- Fractures
- Tubes (IV, chest, etc.)
- Respiratory compromise
- Severe pain, discomfort
- Wounds affecting transfer/positioning

Comments: _____

¹ If patient’s weight is over 300 pounds, the BMI is needed. For Online calculators, see
http: <http://www.kc1.com/products/bariatric/bodymass.asp> or http :www.sizeviserentals.com/bmiccalculator.htm.

Attention Ambulance Provider: Patient trip record and dispatch sheet must be clearly marked or notated that the patient is Bariatric. This sheet and copies of the dispatch record and patient care report must be faxed to Logisticare following transport.