



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHYSICIANS

### PET scans for Alzheimer's or frontal-temporal dementia

To be completed by referring physician's office.

#### Required documentation for Medicare coverage per National Coverage Determination (NCD)

In order to support Medicare documentation requirements for FDG-PET Scan, the actual reports of the clinical data listed below must be in the patient's medical record at the facility prior to the exam being performed.

Per Medicare NCD-The referring and billing provider(s) are required to have documented and established the medical necessity of an FDG PET scan by ensuring that the following information has been collected and is maintained in the beneficiary medical record:

YES  NO Date of onset of symptoms;

YES  NO Diagnosis of clinical syndrome (normal aging; mild cognitive impairment (MCI); mild, moderate or severe dementia);

YES  NO Mini mental status exam (MMSE) or similar test score;

YES  NO Presumptive cause (possible, probable, uncertain AD);

YES  NO Any neuropsychological testing performed;

YES  NO Results of any structural imaging (MRI or CT) performed;

YES  NO Relevant laboratory tests (B12, thyroid hormone); and,

YES  NO Number and name of prescribed medications.

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*Physician Name (print)*

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Time*

