

Cerebral Vascular Accident/Stroke or Coma

The patient has both 1 and 2:

1. Poor functional status with [Palliative Performance Scale \(PPS\)](#) of 40% or less (unable to care for self)

AND

2. Poor nutritional status with inability to maintain sufficient fluid and calorie intake with either:
 - >10% weight loss over the previous six (6) months
 - >7.5% weight loss over the previous three (3) months
 - Serum albumin <2.5gm/dl
 - Current history of pulmonary aspiration without effective response to speech language pathology interventions to improve dysphagia and decrease aspiration events.

Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:

Coma (any etiology) with three (3) of the following on the third (3rd) day of coma:

- Abnormal brain stem response
- Absent verbal responses
- Absent withdrawal response to pain
- Serum creatinine >1.5gm/dl

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