

TAB A – Section 2

Patient Emergency Categories and Admission Criteria

WORKSHEET

Name of Parish:	_____		
Name of Agency:	_____		
Address:	_____		

Phone:	_____	State License #:	_____
Filled out by:	_____	Date:	_____

Instructions: Tab A is composed of three sections. Each section describes the patient emergency category, provides examples, and provides guidance on the responsibility of the Home Health Agency for each category of patients. This section, **Tab A – Section 2** provides admission criteria and guidance for Category I Hospital Shelter patients. **Section 2** should be used only for Home Health Agency purposes.

Category I Hospital Shelter (HS):

Category I-HS indicates that these individuals have special need(s) who do not yet need to be admitted, but whose condition will probably deteriorate during an evacuation. The patient could possibly require hospital services and should be sent to a hospital to be sheltered during an emergency evacuation. To make the determination of categorizing patients, the agency should consider the client’s degree of support and availability of resources (i.e., resource availability, living accommodations, network of family and friends, etc.)

Examples:

Intravenous therapies Oxygen dependent
 Tracheotomy/respiratory care Ventilator dependent
 Stage III and IV decubitus Kidney dialysis
 Other... Insulin dependent diabetic

Patient Names	ID	Address	Treatment

Total Number _____ (Are all of these patients accounted for?)			

Home Health Responsibility: The Home Health Agency should make the necessary pre-arrangements with hospital(s) or other appropriate care provider(s) to ensure proper care of Category I-HS patients. This could mean establishing a contract or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the hospital willing to shelter patients. It should be noted that in the event of an emergency, the hospital may be able to admit only those patients who need immediate life-saving treatment. Thus, it is in the best interests of the Home Health Agency to make pre-arrangements with the hospital(s) if the Agency has patients who fit Category I-HS.