

# TAB A – Section 1

## 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 1** provides admission criteria and guidance for Category I Hospital Admit patients. **Section 1** should be used only for Home Health Agency purposes.

### **Category I Hospital Admit (HA):**

Category I-HA indicates that these individuals require recurring professional medical care; special medical equipment and/ or continual medical surveillance and must be considered for admission into a hospital. 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 Central line  
Kidney dialysis Insulin dependent diabetic unable to inject  
insulin

<u>Patient Names</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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-HA patients. This means obtaining appropriate physician orders for transfer of the patient to the hospital. We urge that the Home Health Agency discuss these patients' care and their requirements of care with the hospital(s) before the event of a disaster.