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UFB Food Box Program Medical Authority Note

Individuals must meet Medicare's definition of homebound to participate in the UFB Food Box Program. The completion of this form will confirm that applicants meet this qualification.

Name of Applicant: _____

This section must be completed by a licensed medical authority.

Refer to the reverse side of the page for definitions.

Does the applicant's medical disability qualify them as homebound under Medicare's definition of homebound? Select one of the following:

- ☐ Yes, this client has a disability, and that disability meets the Medicare Homebound guidelines.
☐ No, this client does not have a disability and/or does not meet the Medicare Homebound guidelines.

Is applicant's homebound condition likely to change in the next 12 months?

If yes, indicate an estimated time period the applicant may be homebound (example: 7 months): _____

Date

Printed Name of Medical Authority and Credentials

Signature of Medical Authority

Please return to:

Utah Food Bank Food Box Program

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Approved licensed medical authorities:

Medical Doctor (MD)	Physician Assistant (PA)	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN or NP)
Osteopathic Physician (DO)	Psychiatrist (MD or DO)	Naturopathic Physicians (ND or NMD)

Definition of Disability:

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a person with a disability is defined as any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

- **Physical or Mental Impairment-** (a) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory; including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive, digestive, genitor-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or (b) any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities
- **Major Life Activities-** functions such as caring for one's self, performing a manual task, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working
- **Major Bodily Functions-** functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, cardiovascular, endocrine, and reproductive functions
- **Record of Impairment-** having a history of or have been classified (or misclassified) as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Individuals who take mitigating measures to improve or control any of the conditions recognized as a disability are still considered to have a disability and require accommodation.

Definition of Medicare Homebound Eligibility:

Having or had an injury or illness that makes it difficult to leave home; for example, the client:

- Requires the aid of supportive devices
- Requires the use of special transportation
- Needs the assistance of another person
- Has a condition that leaving home is medically contradicted
- Symptoms of the disease or disorder process worsen when leaving home (pain, shortness of breath, confusion)
- Some days they would be able to get out with help, but they don't always have consistent assistance.