

Hospice of the Shoals 767-6699

**Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
Hospice Admission Criteria**

For beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease to be eligible for hospice the individual should have a FAST level greater to or equal to 7 and specific co-morbid or secondary conditions meeting the criteria below:

1. **Functional Assessment Staging Scale (FAST) **Must be 7 or above (7c ideally)***
 - (7a) Speaks, 6 intelligent words or less
 - (7b) All intelligible vocabulary lost (1 intelligible word/day)
 - (7c) Non-ambulation (needs max. assist to transfer/walk)
 - (7d) Can't sit without assistance
 - (7e) Loss of ability to smile
 - (7f) Unable to hold head up independently

2. **At least one of the following serious events w/EOL, impact has occurred in the past six months:**
 - COPD
 - CHF
 - Fever recurrent after antibiotics
 - Recurrent aspiration pneumonia
 - Sepsis/Septicemia
 - Upper UTI (e.g. Pyelonephritis)
 - Progressive weight loss >10% in past 6 months
 - Serum Albumin <2.5 gm/dl
 - Age >70
 - Decubitus ulcers (multiple- stage 3-4)

3. **ICD-9 Codes that support medical necessity:**
 - 290.3 Senile Dementia with delirium
 - 331.11 Pick's Disease
 - 331.2 Senile degeneration of the brain
 - 331.82 Lewy Bodies

Other EOL Co-morbidities

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