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Orthopaedic Home Health & Rehabilitation, Inc.

### PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS APPLICATION

*Please complete and sign the application with your physician.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Other \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

If you live in a mobile home park, condominium, or apartment, indicate the name, address, and telephone number of the complex \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Caregiver?  Yes  No

If yes, does your caregiver have special needs? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your caregiver need special accommodations?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name and phone number of a  Relative  Neighbor  Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Description \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Other \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING:** *(Check those that apply)*

Using the restroom  Taking your medication  Feeding yourself

Walking greater than 50 feet  Getting in or out of bed

**\*\* If you checked any of the above, you may need a caretaker with you in the shelter.**

**DISABILITY:** *(Check those that apply)*

Visually Impaired  Hearing Impaired  Mobility  Bedridden

**\*\* If you checked any of the above, you may need a caretaker with you in the shelter.**



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### **SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:** *(Check those that apply)*

Walker    Cane    Electric Scooter    Feeding Tube    IV Equipment

Dialysis   How many times a week? \_\_\_\_\_ Which Dialysis Center do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed your emergency treatment plan with your Dialysis Center?    Yes    No

**\*\* If you checked any of the above, you may need a caretaker with you in the shelter.**

### **ELECTRIC DEPENDENT:** *(Check those that apply)*

Oxygen    Nebulizer    C-Pap    Bi-Pap   Oxygen Supplier and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **TRANSPORTATION:** *(Check the one that applies)*

You will provide your own transportation (or)

You will need transportation:    Palm Tran Bus Service   (or)    Stretcher type transportation

Stretcher type of transportation is only provided if you are unable to transfer into a wheelchair. Please be advised that currently both Special Needs Shelters are located in the West Palm Beach area.

If you are unable to drive or have difficulty driving, please check the "Need Transportation Option". By choosing that you need transportation, you will be receiving assistance from the bus drivers with supplies that you are required to bring with you to the shelter. You will also receive a call from the bus service giving you an approximate time of your pick-up.

If you choose to drive yourself, then you will have the freedom to immediately leave the shelter when the all clear is given. You will not receive a call and will have to watch or listen to media announcements advising the opening of Special Needs Shelters

***This is a very important decision, so please take the time to consider it.***



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### **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read the Special Needs Program Applicant Information sheet accompanying this request and I understand the limitations on the services and level of care available.

I understand that if accepted and space is available, assistance will be provided only for the duration of the emergency, and that alternative arrangements should be made in advance in case I am unable to return to my home. If you are unable to make arrangements, then you will be placed in a facility that can accommodate you medical issues (Assisted living facilities or Nursing Homes) until other options become available.

I understand that I may or may not be assigned to the Special Care Unit/Special Needs Shelter based on the criteria stated in the information provided. **I grant permission to medical providers and transportation agencies and others, as necessary, to provide care and disclose any information necessary to respond to my needs.**

I understand that this registration is voluntary and hereby request registration in the Palm Beach County Special Needs Program. I understand registration is updated twice a year. If I do not respond to requests to contact the county, I will be removed from the registration list. I will notify the county of any changes in my address or condition.

Person Registering for Special Needs or Special Care Unit Program \_\_\_\_\_

Print Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Filling Out The Application (If different than applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Filling Out The Application (If different than applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

***Send completed application and statement to:***

**Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management**  
 Special Needs Program  
 20 South Military Trail  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33415



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**TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN:**

The following medical criteria is used to evaluate placement eligibility for your patient to be accepted in the Special Care Unit or the Special Needs Shelter. Please complete this form if you think that your patient would benefit from a medical shelter.

1. Persons who cannot be without electricity because they depend upon their own electrically energized life support equipment within the home. i.e.: oxygen, nebulizers, c-pap, bi-pap, etc.
2. Persons that are too immobile and/or have a chronic stable illness but are not suitable for regular shelter placement or do not require hospitalization.
3. People with minor health/medical conditions that require professional observation, assessment and maintenance.
4. People with the need for medications and/or vital sign monitoring and are unable to do so without professional assistance.
5. Persons who are bedridden and require custodial care.

**Caregivers must accompany their patients if they are unable to care for themselves.**

Diagnosis: *(Please print clearly)* \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your patient depend upon life support equipment within his or her residence?     Yes     No

Is your patient on Dialysis?     Yes     No

If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the patient insulin dependent?     Yes     No

If yes, please discuss other options for cooling and storage of the insulin with your patient.

Does your patient need assistance with Activities of Daily Living?     Yes     No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, would your patient require assistance in a shelter environment?     Yes     No

*(For example, would your patient need assistance walking greater than 50 feet for bathroom access, getting in and out of a cot which is two feet tall, dosing personal medications, etc?)*

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Does the patient have any Mental Deficiencies (i.e. Alzheimer's, Dementia)?  Yes  No

Is your patient under Hospice Care?  Yes  No

If yes, which Hospice organization? \_\_\_\_\_

List the patient's medications and the dosages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Physician's Info: (Please print clearly)**

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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