CERTIFICATION OF TREATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR EXPEDITED EXTERNAL REVIEW

An expedited external review may be requested if an adverse benefit determination has been issued and the timeframe for a standard external review (which can take up to 45 days) would seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Covered Person, or would jeopardize the Covered Person's ability to regain maximum function, or would subject the Covered Person to severe pain (physical or emotional) that cannot be adequately managed without the requested health care service or treatment. An expedited external review must be completed at least within 72 hours. This Certification will trigger an expedited external review.

GENERAL INFORMATION Name of the Treating Health Care Provider ______ Address _____ Phone # _____ Fax # Licensure Area of Clinical Specialty _____ Name of Covered Person/Patient ______ **CERTIFICATION** I hereby certify that I am a treating health care provider for (Patient); that adherence to the timeframe for conducting a standard external review of the Patient's appeal would, in my professional judgment, seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Patient, or would jeopardize the Patient's ability to regain maximum function, or would subject the Patient to severe pain (physical or emotional) that cannot be adequately managed without the requested health care service or treatment; and that, for this reason, the Patient's appeal of the adverse benefit determination should be processed on an expedited basis.

Date

Treating Health Care Provider's Signature