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1. Situation - TERI Cases

The following situations provide information that can be used to identify a case for TERI processing:

- There is an allegation (e.g., from the claimant, a friend, family member, doctor or other medical source) that the illness is terminal.
- An allegation or diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gehrig's Disease;
- There is an allegation or diagnosis of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- The claimant is receiving inpatient hospice care or is receiving home hospice care e.g., in-home counseling or nursing care.

2. Condition - TERI Cases

The claimant alleges or medical records indicate an impairment which is untreatable (i.e., the impairment cannot be reversed and is expected to end in death) including but not limited to the following list of descriptors:

a. Chronic dependence on a cardiopulmonary life-sustaining device.

b. Awaiting a heart, heart/lung, liver, or bone marrow transplant (excludes kidney and corneal transplants).

c. Chronic pulmonary or heart failure requiring continuous home oxygen and is unable to care for personal needs.

d. Any malignant neoplasm (cancer) which is:
   - Metastatic (has spread);
   - Stage IV;
   - Persistent or recurrent following initial therapy; or
   - Inoperable or unresectable.

e. An allegation or diagnosis of:
   - Cancer of the esophagus;
   - Cancer of the liver;
   - Cancer of the pancreas;
   - Cancer of the gallbladder;
   - Mesothelioma;
   - Small Cell or Oat Cell lung cancer;
   - Cancer of the brain; or
   - Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) or Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL).

f. Comatose for 30 days or more.

g. Newborn with a lethal genetic or congenital defect.

The above list, shown on the back of the TERI Flag (i.e., SSA-2200 (TERI Case)), is not intended to be all-inclusive. It should be used to provide general guidance in the identification of TERI cases. The remaining category of: *Other:* _____ allows for cases which are not identified in the list of descriptors to be included as well, as long as the medical condition is untreatable and is expected to end in death.