# AZSC PATIENT SELECTION CRITERIA GUIDELINE

Patients who have one or more of the advanced or chronic illnesses listed below and one or more of the additional health indicators are the target population for this interdisciplinary home-based service. Candidates include those with advanced disease who are electing to pursue aggressive treatments or interventions, and those with multiple chronic medical conditions including:

**Common advanced chronic disease**
- Cancer
- COPD
- Liver failure
- Heart failure
- Kidney failure
- Advanced dementia
- Advanced neuromuscular disease
- Other (previous traumatic injury, multi organ failure)

**Additional health indicators may include:**
- More than 1 hospitalization or ED visit in 6 months
- High DME need (oxygen dependency, lift, hospital bed, scooter)
- Complex social dynamics
- Lack of clarify of goals of care
- Difficult to control symptoms (pain, nausea, dyspnea, etc)
- Complex care requirements (ventilator dependent, long term antibiotics therapy,
- long term feeding tube)
- Decline in function or failure to thrive based on weight loss of more than 10%, low albumin, reduction in ability to complete ADLs
- History of need for home health or wound care

[1]Selection process may begin with aggregating patients who fall at or above the 95th percentile of cost/utilization. Using the tables above, if a patient meets 1 of the factors in each table, a referral for supportive care would be beneficial.

[1]Patients that are not candidates for the program generally include:
- Individuals who experience one-time, high-cost events, such as organ transplantation, CABG, joint replacements and trauma
- Individuals with primary psychiatric diagnoses and/or chronic pain that don't meet criteria in the tables above

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