The patient meets at least one of the following (1 or 2):

1. Severe impaired breathing capacity with all of the following findings:
   - Dyspnea at rest
   - Vital capacity less than 30%
   - Requirement for supplemental oxygen at rest
   - The patient declines artificial ventilation

   OR

2. Rapid disease progression with either a or b below: Rapid disease progression as evidenced by all of the following in the preceding 12 months:
   - Progression from independent ambulation to wheelchair or bed-bound status
   - Progression from normal to barely intelligible or unintelligible speech
   - Progression from normal to pureed diet
   - Progression from independence in most or all Activities of Daily Living (ADL) to needing major assistance by caretaker in all ADL

   a. Severe nutritional impairment demonstrated by all of the following in the preceding 12 months:
      - Oral intake of nutrients and fluids insufficient to sustain life
      - Continuing weight loss
      - Dehydration or hypovolemia
      - Absence of artificial feeding methods

   OR

   b. Life-threatening complications demonstrated by one or more of the following in the preceding 12 months:
      - Recurrent aspiration pneumonia (with or without tube feeding)
      - Upper urinary tract infection (Pyelonephritis)
      - Sepsis
      - Recurrent fever after antibiotic therapy
      - Stage 3 or Stage 4 pressure ulcer(s)

In the absence of one or more of the above findings, rapid decline or comorbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.