



LIFE SUPPORT REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is to be completed by the member and a licensed medical professional. Once enrolled, North Itasca Electric Co-op (NIEC) will flag your account with a medical alert. Placing your account on the medical alert list does not guarantee uninterrupted service. If the individual using life-sustaining equipment cannot be without power for any length of time, NIEC recommends developing alternate plans.

Completion of the form does not prevent disconnection for non-payment. The Member must enter into and keep a mutually acceptable payment agreement.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2168.098, Subd.5 (see reverse), a utility shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requiring electricity necessary to sustain life is in use, provided that the utility receives written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household.

TO BE COMPLETED BY NIEC MEMBER

Name(s) as shown on electric bill: _____

NIEC account number(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of patient: _____

(person dependent on electrical, life-sustaining equipment)

Signature of member on account: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFIED LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

Name of medical professional: _____ Clinic name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

I acknowledge that the patient listed above requires electrical life-sustaining equipment that is medically necessary to support the life of this patient.

Signature of medical professional: _____ Date: _____

Return completed form to: North Itasca Electric Co-op., ~ PO Box 227 ~ Bigfork, MN 56628, or FAX 218-743-3644

2014 MN Statute 216B.098, Subd. 5

Subd. 5. Medically necessary equipment.

(a) A utility shall reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where a medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requiring electricity necessary to sustain life is in use, provided that the utility receives written certification, or initial certification by telephone and written certification within five business days, that failure to reconnect or continue service will impair or threaten the health or safety of a resident of the customer's household.

(b) Certification of the necessity for service is required. Certification may be provided by:

(1) a licensed medical doctor;

(2) a licensed physician assistant;

(3) an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in section 148.171; or

(4) a registered nurse, but only to the extent of verifying the current diagnosis or prescriptions made by a licensed medical doctor for the customer or member of the customer's household.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (d), a certification may not extend beyond the six months from the date of written certification.

(d) If a utility determines that a longer certification is appropriate given a particular customer's circumstances, the utility may, at its sole discretion, extend the duration of a certification for up to 12 months.

(e) A certification may be renewed, provided that the renewal complies with this subdivision. A certification may be renewed by the same or another medical professional who meets the qualifications of paragraph (b).

(f) A customer whose account is in arrears must contact and enter into a payment agreement with the utility. The payment agreement must consider a customer's financial circumstances and any extenuating circumstances of the household. The payment agreement may, at the discretion of the utility, contain a provision by which the utility forgives all or a portion of the amount in which the account is in arrears, which, if implemented, extinguishes individual liability for the amount forgiven.

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