

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALS Functional Communication Scale

| Communication Ability                             | Short Term Goals   | Baseline                    | Projected                   | Achieved Today              |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |  | G9174                       | G9175                       | G9176                       |
| 1. Alerting/Emergency                             | 1. Patient (and caregiver) can demonstrate/describe the method by which patient can <b>alert</b> others, not in his/her immediate environment, to a need or emergency.     | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| 2. Communication Strategies                       | 2. Patient (and caregiver) demonstrate patient and partner <b>strategies</b> (via speech or SGD) that improve communication success, efficiency, speed and reduce fatigue. | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| 3. Non-Voiced (Low Tech) Communication            | 3. Patient demonstrates the ability to communicate <b>novel messages</b> via spelling or combining words using <b>low tech AAC</b> method.                                 | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| 4. Speech Generation                              | 4. Patient demonstrates the ability to communicate a <b>novel message</b> with a <b>voice</b> (speech or SGD).   | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| 5. Communicate with those at a Distance           | 5. Patient demonstrates abilities to use all the methods s/he requires to communicate with partners <b>at a distance</b> .   | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| 6. Independently Set-Up and Customize AAC Systems | 6. Patient (and caregiver) demonstrate the ability to <b>independently use, set up and customize</b> low and/or high tech augmentative communication equipment.            | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| 7. Prepared for Future Changes                    | 7. Patient (and caregiver) can describe one or more <b>pro-active strategies</b> designed to prepare for typical changes associated with ALS in speech and/or access.      | - / +                       | - / +                       | - / +                       |
| <b>Total Functional Communication Score</b>       | <b>Severity Modifiers</b><br>7/7 CH<br>6/7 CI<br>5/7 CJ<br>4/7 CK<br>3/7 CL<br>2/7 CM<br>0-1/7 CN  | ___ / 7<br><br><b>C</b> ___ | ___ / 7<br><br><b>C</b> ___ | ___ / 7<br><br><b>C</b> ___ |