**SAMPLE Against Medical Advice (AMA)**

**Physician Documentation Checklist**

* Assessment of the patient’s decisional capacity.
* Discussion(s) with the patient regarding the severity of the patient’s illness and the potential consequences of leaving AMA
* Discussion(s) of scenarios that would prompt immediate return to the emergency department and that the patient may return to the hospital at any time.
* Conversation(s) including events related to the patient’s departure, condition(s) upon leaving the hospital, and disposition of belongings.
* Arrangements made for a follow-up phone call, home care, or outpatient appointment,
as indicated.
* Follow-up instructions given/attempted, including prescriptions for new medication(s).
* Treatment options discussed and risks associated with not adhering to the treatment(s).
* Communication with the patient’s primary care physician regarding discharge AMA and follow-up plans, as appropriate.