

## MEDICAL SOURCE STATEMENT OF ABILITY TO DO WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES (MENTAL)

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*NAME OF INDIVIDUAL*

*SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please assist us in determining this individual's ability to do work-related activities on a sustained basis. "Sustained basis" means the ability to perform work-related activities eight hours a day for five days a week, or an equivalent work schedule. (SSR 96-8p). Please give us your professional opinion of what the individual can still do despite his/her impairment(s). The opinion should be based on your findings with respect to medical history, clinical and laboratory findings, diagnosis, prescribed treatment and response, and prognosis.

For each activity shown below, respond to the questions about the individual's ability to perform the activity. When doing so, use the following definitions for the rating terms:

- None - Absent or minimal limitations. If limitations are present they are transient and/or expected reactions to psychological stresses.
- Mild - There is a slight limitation in this area, but the individual can generally function well.
- Moderate - There is more than a slight limitation in this area but the individual is still able to function satisfactorily.
- Marked - There is serious limitation in this area. There is a substantial loss in the ability to effectively function.
- Extreme - There is major limitation in this area. There is no useful ability to function in this area.

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO DESCRIBE THE FACTORS THAT SUPPORT YOUR ASSESSMENT.  
WE ARE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOUR ASSESSMENT IS SUPPORTED.**

- (1) Is ability to understand, remember, and carry out instructions affected by the impairment?  No  Yes  
If "no," go to question #2. If "yes," please check the appropriate block to describe the individual's restriction for the following work-related mental activities.

	<u>None</u>	<u>Mild</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Marked</u>	<u>Extreme</u>
Understand and remember simple instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carry out simple instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The ability to make judgments on simple work-related decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understand and remember complex instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carry out complex instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The ability to make judgments on complex work-related decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Identify the factors (e.g., the particular medical signs, laboratory findings, or other factors described above) that support your assessment.

- (2) Is ability to interact appropriately with supervision, co-workers, and the public, as well as respond to changes in the routine work setting, affected by impairments?  No  Yes  
 If "no," go to question #3. If "yes," please check the appropriate block to describe the individual's restriction for the following work-related mental activities.

	<u>None</u>	<u>Mild</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Marked</u>	<u>Extreme</u>
Interact appropriately with the public.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interact appropriately with supervisor(s).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interact appropriately with co-workers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respond appropriately to usual work situations and to changes in a routine work setting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Identify the factors (e.g., the particular medical signs, laboratory findings, or other factors described above) that support your assessment.

- (3) Are any other capabilities affected by the impairment?  No  Yes  
 If "yes," please identify the capability and describe how it is affected.

Identify the factors (e.g., the particular medical signs, laboratory findings, or other factors described above) that support your assessment.

- (4) The limitations above are assumed to be your opinion regarding current limitations only.

However, if you have sufficient information to form an opinion within a reasonable degree of medical or psychological probability as to past limitations, on what date were the limitations you found above first present? \_\_\_\_\_

- (5) If the claimant's impairment(s) include alcohol and/or substance abuse, do these impairments contribute to any of the claimant's limitations as set forth above? If so, please identify and explain what changes you would make to your answers if the claimant was totally abstinent from alcohol and/or substance use/abuse.

(6) Can the individual manage benefits in his/her own best interest?

No  Yes

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**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name, Title and Medical Specialty (Legibly Please)**

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2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans' Affairs);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, state and local level; and
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