

# ATTACHMENT A7. RESEARCH CONSENT FORM

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### The Social Security Administration's Work Disability Functional Assessment Battery (WD-FAB) Study

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#### Background

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is conducting a research study through our contractor Westat. This study will test a new set of questions about how applicants are functioning and see if it can improve SSA's continuing disability review process. If you are able to participate in the study, then Westat will ask you to complete two surveys six months apart.

#### What Happens In This Research Study

As a study participant, you will be asked to answer questions about your functioning (activities) in two separate surveys six months apart.

- The first survey (Survey # 1) will take about 50 minutes to complete. You may choose to do the survey on your own using the internet, or you can do it over the telephone with an interviewer. When you have completed all the survey questions, we will send you a pre-paid debit card in the amount of \$50 for your time. Six months after you complete Survey # 1, we will ask you complete a second survey (Survey # 2).
- Survey # 2 will take about 75 minutes to complete. Again, you may choose to do the survey on your own using the internet or you can do it over the telephone with an interviewer. When you have completed all the Survey # 2 questions, we will send you a second pre-paid debit card in the amount \$75 for your time.

#### Risks and Benefits

There are no costs to you to be in this research study. You will receive the reimbursement amounts mentioned above for your participation in the study. You will receive an additional \$5 if you download the study smartphone app. You will receive no direct benefit for your participation beyond the reimbursement. However, your participation may help the researchers better understand how to improve the SSA's continuing disability review process.

#### Your Rights

By consenting to take part in this study, you do not waive any of your legal rights. Giving consent means that you have heard or read the information about this study and that you agree to take part in the study. This copy of the consent form is yours to keep. You may obtain further information about your rights as a research subject by calling the Westat Institutional Review Board at [INSERT IRB CONTACT NUMBER]. The investigator or a member of the research team will try to answer all of your questions. If you have questions or concerns at any time, contact Erika Bonilla at (301) 610-4879.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You have the right to refuse to take part in this study. If you decide to be in the study and then change your mind, you can withdraw from the research. **Your participation is completely up to you. Your decision will not affect your current or future benefits.** If you choose to take part, you have the right to stop at any time.