Guidelines for Documentation
Physical Disability

I. A qualified professional must conduct the evaluation.
- Name, title, signature, professional credentials, licensure/certification information, and location of practice must be included on any reports submitted.
- Evaluators must have training in, and experience with, the diagnosis of like or similar conditions in adults.
- Appropriate professionals are usually licensed physicians, often with specialty training. Optometrists are appropriate for visual conditions addressed in their training. Allied health professionals (such as audiologists, neuropsychologists, or physical therapists) may be considered appropriate as well, often as part of a team.
- Evaluations performed by members of the student’s family are not acceptable.
- All reports must be signed by the evaluator, and must include a completed Office of Accessibility form, as well as any additional information typed on letterhead.

II. Documentation must be current.
- Initial documentation must be based on evaluations performed within the last 2 years.
- If a report is older than 2 years, and the student has remained in clinical contact with his or her evaluator, that professional may supplement the original report with a letter (on letterhead) describing any and all changes since the previous report or stating that no changes have occurred since the previous report. [The supplement would be in lieu of another complete report.]
- All documentation (including any supplements), must describe the current impact of the diagnosed impairment(s).
- All documentation must describe any currently mitigating factors, such as medication or other treatment.
- All recommendations must be currently appropriate to a college academic environment.

III. Documentation must be comprehensive and include:
- The student’s history.
- Both description and evidence of impairment.
- A brief description of any current treatment plan.
- A specific diagnosis, or more than one, if applicable.
- An indication that ICD 9 (or most current) criteria have been met for each condition (if applicable, DSM-5).
- A determination as to whether or not the diagnosed impairment(s) substantially limits the students learning in the academic environment.
- Recommendations for accommodations that are directly related to the functional limitations, including a rationale explaining why each recommendation for accommodation is appropriate, should be given.
- A supporting clinical summary.
The Office of Accessibility at The University of Akron provides academic accommodations to students with diagnosed disabilities that reflect a current substantial limitation to learning. To ensure the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodations for our students, this office requires current, within 1 year, and comprehensive documentation of the impairment from a current treatment/assessment professional that is legally qualified to make the diagnosis. The Office of Accessibility has the right to request additional documentation in order to provide appropriate services.

Name of Student: _____________________________________________ Date of Birth: _____________________

1. ICD 9 (or most current)/DSM-5 Diagnosis & Code: _________________________________________________
   Date of Diagnosis: ____________________________  Last contact with student: __________________________
   Is the individual currently under your care? ______ Yes ______ No

2. Are the individual’s seizures currently active? ______ Yes ______ No
   If yes, how often do the seizures occur?
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

3. Please describe the type and severity of the seizures the individual experiences: _______________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

4. In your opinion, does any impairment listed above substantially limit the student’s learning in the academic environment? ______ Yes ______ No
   If yes, specify here: _______________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

5. Does this student take any medication(s) or require any type of treatment that may adversely affect academic performance or behavior? ______ Yes ______ No
   If “yes,” please list and explain effect: _______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________

6. Based on the current condition and compliance with treatment plan, what is the current prognosis for functioning effectively in school? ______ Poor ______ Good ______ Excellent ______ Unknown
   If “unknown,” please explain: __________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________________________________________
7. List any other treatment(s) the student is receiving to manage his/her condition:
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

8. Describe the individual’s symptoms and/or behaviors that occur prior to and during a seizure:
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

9. What is the approximate recovery period for the individual after experiencing a seizure? ________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________

10. List any recommendations for accommodations appropriate for this student in an academic setting. The accommodation must link to the functional limitation.
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*Please feel free to attach any additional information describing specific concerns you may have.

NOTE: Students with coexisting diagnoses of any other disability may need to provide the results of a comprehensive medical, educational or psychological assessment for that particular disability.

Treatment/Assessment Professional Information

Printed Name and Title: ______________________________________________________________________________

Licensing credential, number, and state: _________________________________________________________________

Provider Signature: ________________________________________________________ Date: ______________

Agency/Practice: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: ______________________________________________  City: ____________________________
State: _______________  Zip: ________________  Phone: (             )  ______________________________

My signature verifies that I am the treatment/assessment professional and that the contents are accurate.

Please note: The Office of Accessibility will not accept disability-related documentation from treatment professionals who are related, in any way, to the student requesting services. In order to provide the appropriate analysis to documentation received, the Office of Accessibility must be able to rely on treatment professionals with the highest capacity for objectivity.

The information provided is maintained in the Office of Accessibility according to the guidelines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Please return the completed form to the student.

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