

Guidelines for Documentation of Medical Disorders

This broad category includes substantially limiting, permanent medical conditions that can range from conditions with narrow, highly localized effects to broad systemic conditions. Additionally, students with these disorders may be prescribed medications that cause severe side effects which further limit the student's ability to function in an academic environment. Examples of medical disorders include, but are not limited to: diabetes, Crohn's disease, muscular dystrophy, cardiovascular disease, multiple sclerosis, cancer, and systemic lupus erythematosus.

Professionals recommended to provide documentation include general physicians and specialty physicians such as rheumatologists, oncologists, cardiologists, and neurologists.

Documentation adequate to establish eligibility for services must include:

- ❖ Written statement of diagnosis
- ❖ Assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used in making the diagnosis
- ❖ Information regarding functional limitations, particularly limitations that will affect the student in an academic environment.
- ❖ Information regarding prescribed medications and possible side effects that will affect the student in an academic environment.
- ❖ Restrictions on activities imposed by the condition