

Guidelines for Documentation of Visual Disorders

These disorders can be divided into two major categories: blindness and low vision. Blindness is the absence of vision although there may be light and/or color perception. Low vision is generally defined as a visual acuity, in the better eye and with correction, of 20/70 or less. Conditions affecting vision include, but are not limited to, eye disease, structural abnormalities, color blindness, cataracts, and systemic diseases such as diabetes, strabismus, myopia and loss of visual field.

Professionals recommended to provide documentation include optometrists, ophthalmologists, and physicians.

Documentation adequate to establish eligibility for services must include:

- ❖ A written statement of diagnosis
- ❖ Diagnostic procedures and results
- ❖ Information listing current symptoms and degree of severity
- ❖ Information regarding functional limitations and possible impact in an academic environment
- ❖ Information regarding prescribed medication(s) and possible academic side effects
- ❖ Information regarding restrictions