

CHILDHOOD DISABILITY EVALUATION FORM

Name: _____ SSN: - - Date of Birth: _____	Level of determination: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> CDR <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Reconsideration <input type="checkbox"/> CDR Reconsideration <hr/> Is this child engaging in SGA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Filing Date: _____
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I. SUMMARY

A. IMPAIRMENTS:

B. DISPOSITION: Check one entry that best describes your findings in this case. **Complete this section last.**

1. **NOT SEVERE** - No medically determinable impairment OR impairment or combination of impairments is a slight abnormality or a combination of slight abnormalities that results in no more than minimal functional limitations. (Explain below.)

Explanation: _____

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2. **MEETS LISTING** _____ . (Cite **complete** Listing and subsection(s), including any applicable B criteria for 112.00.)
3. **MEDICALLY EQUALS LISTING** _____ . (Cite **complete** Listing and subsection(s), including any applicable B criteria for 112.00 and explain below.)

Explanation: _____

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4. **FUNCTIONALLY EQUALS THE LISTINGS** - The child's medically determinable impairment or combination of impairments results in marked limitations in two domains or an extreme limitation in one domain (Explained in Section II A&B), OR the impairment or combination of impairments is one of the examples cited in POMS DI 25225.060 (20 CFR 416.926a(m)), example # _____ (Explained in Section III.)
5. **IMPAIRMENT OR COMBINATION OF IMPAIRMENTS IS SEVERE, BUT DOES NOT MEET, MEDICALLY EQUAL, OR FUNCTIONALLY EQUAL THE LISTINGS.** (Explained in Section(s) II A&B and, if applicable, III.)
6. **DOES NOT MEET THE DURATION REQUIREMENT** - The child's medically determinable impairment(s) is or was of listing-level severity, but is not expected to be, or was not, of listing-level severity for 12 continuous months, and is not expected to result in death. (Explained in Section(s) IIA&B and, if applicable, III.)
7. **Other (Specify)** _____ (Explained in Section III.)

C. ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTIONING THROUGHOUT SEQUENTIAL EVALUATION

I affirm, by signing below, that when I evaluated the child's functioning in deciding:

- If there is a *severe impairment(s)*;
- If the impairment(s) *meets or medically equals a listing* (if the listing includes functioning in its criteria); and
- If the impairment(s) *functionally equals the listings*;

I considered the following factors and evidence.

FACTORS:

1. How the child's functioning compares to that of children the same age who do not have impairments; i.e., what the child is able to do, not able to do, or is limited or restricted in doing.
2. Combined effects of multiple impairments and the interactive and cumulative effects of an impairment(s) on the child's activities, considering that any activity may involve the integrated use of many abilities. So,
 - A single limitation may be the result of one or more impairments, and
 - A single impairment may have effects in more than one domain.
3. How well the child performs activities with respect to:
 - Initiating, sustaining, and completing activities independently (range of activities, prompting needed, pace of performance, effort needed, and how long the child is able to sustain activities);
 - Extra help needed (e.g., personal, equipment, medications);
 - Adaptations (e.g., assistive devices, appliances);
 - Structured or supportive settings (e.g., home, regular or special classroom), including comparison of functioning in and outside of setting, ongoing signs or symptoms despite setting, amount of support needed to function within regular setting.
4. Child's functioning in unusual settings, (e.g., one-to-one, a CE) vs. routine settings (e.g., home, childcare, school).
5. Early intervention and school programs (e.g., school records, comprehensive testing, IEPs, class placement, special education services, accommodations, attendance, participation).
6. Impact of chronic illness, characterized by episodes of exacerbation and remission, and how it interferes with the child's activities over time.
7. Effects of treatment, including adverse and beneficial effects of medications and other treatments, and if they interfere with the child's day-to-day functioning.

EVIDENCE:

For all dispositions, wherever appropriate, I have explained how I considered the medical, early intervention, school/pre-school, parent/caregiver, and other relevant evidence that supports my findings, how I weighed medical opinion evidence, evaluated physical and mental symptoms, resolved any material inconsistencies, and weighed evidence when material inconsistencies in the file could not be resolved. I have considered and explained test results in the context of all the other evidence.

The consultant with overall responsibility for the findings in this SSA-538 must complete the first signature line (See DI 25230.OOIB4). If any additional consultants provided input to these findings, they must also sign in the boxes following.

THESE FINDINGS COMPLETE THE MEDICAL PORTION OF THE DISABILITY DETERMINATION.

Consultant with overall responsibility (Sign, print name and specialty)	Date
Additional consultant signature (Sign, print name and specialty)	Date
Additional consultant signature (Sign, print name and specialty)	Date

II. FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENCE

Consider functional equivalence when the child's medically determinable impairment(s) is "severe" but does not meet or medically equal a listing. An impairment(s) functionally equals the listings if it results in "marked and severe functional limitations," i.e., the impairment(s) causes "marked" limitations in two domains or an "extreme" limitation in one domain. FOR DEFINITIONS OF "MARKED" AND "EXTREME" see page 5.

Describe and evaluate the child's functioning in all domains; see POMS DI 25225.025-.055 (20 CFR 416.926a(f)-(I)). Then discuss the factors that apply in the child's case and how you evaluated the evidence as described in Section IC above and in POMS DI 25210.001ff. (20 CFR 416.924a). Rate the limitations that result from the child's medically determinable impairment(s).

Check **one** box for **each** domain to indicate the degree of limitation assessed.

A. DOMAIN EVALUATIONS

1. Acquiring and Using Information No Limitation Less Than Marked Marked Extreme

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2. Attending and Completing Tasks No Limitation Less Than Marked Marked Extreme

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3. Interacting and Relating With Others No Limitation Less Than Marked Marked Extreme

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A. DOMAIN EVALUATIONS (continued)

4. Moving About and Manipulating Objects No Limitation Less Than Marked Marked Extreme

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5. Caring For Yourself No Limitation Less Than Marked Marked Extreme

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6. Health and Physical Well-Being No Limitation Less Than Marked Marked Extreme

(Reminder - see additional definitions of marked and extreme for this domain on page 5)

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B. CONCLUSION

Does the impairment or combination of impairments functionally equal the listings?

Yes -- Marked limitation in two domains; findings explained in Section IIA.

Marked limitation See POMS DI 25225.020B (20 CFR 416.926a(e)(2)).

The impairment(s) **interferes seriously** with the child's ability to independently initiate, sustain, or complete domain-related activities. Day-to-day functioning may be seriously limited when the child's impairment(s) limits only one activity or when the interactive and cumulative effects of the child's impairment(s) limit several activities.

- "More than moderate" but "less than extreme" limitation (i.e., the equivalent of functioning we would expect to find on standardized testing with scores that are at least two, but less than three, standard deviations below the mean), or
- Up to attainment of age 3, functioning at a level that is more than one-half but not more than two-thirds of the child's chronological age when there are no standard scores from standardized tests in the case record, or
- At any age, a valid score that is two standard deviations or more below the mean, but less than three standard deviations, on a comprehensive standardized test designed to measure ability or functioning in that domain, and the child's day-to-day functioning in domain-related activities is consistent with that score.

For the "**Health and Physical Well-Being**" domain, we may also find a "marked" limitation if the child is frequently ill or has frequent exacerbations that result in significant, documented symptoms or signs. For purposes of this domain, "frequent" means episodes of illness or exacerbations that occur on an average of 3 times a year, or once every 4 months, each lasting 2 weeks or more. We may also find a "marked" limitation if the child has episodes that:

- occur more often than 3 times in a year or once every 4 months but do not last for 2 weeks, or
- occur less often than an average of 3 times a year or once every 4 months but last longer than 2 weeks, if the overall effect (based on the length of the episode(s) or its frequency) is equivalent in severity.

Yes -- Extreme limitation in one domain; findings explained in Section IIA.

Extreme limitation See POMS DI 25225.020C (20 CFR 416.926a(e)(3)).

The impairment(s) **interferes very seriously** with the child's ability to independently initiate, sustain, or complete domain-related activities. Day-to-day functioning may be very seriously limited when the child's impairment(s) limits only one activity or when the interactive and cumulative effects of the child's impairment(s) limit several activities. "Extreme" describes the worst limitations, but does not necessarily mean a total lack or loss of ability to function.

- "More than marked" limitation (i.e., the equivalent of the functioning we would expect to find on standardized testing with scores that are at least three standard deviations below the mean), or
- Up to attainment of age 3, functioning at a level that is one-half of the child's chronological age or less when there are no standard scores from standardized tests in the case record, or
- At any age, a valid score that is three standard deviations or more below the mean on a comprehensive standardized test designed to measure ability or functioning in that domain, and the child's day-to-day functioning in domain-related activities is consistent with that score.

For the "**Health and Physical Well-Being**" domain we may also find an "extreme" limitation if the child is ill or has frequent exacerbations that result in significant, documented symptoms or signs substantially in excess of the requirements for showing a "marked" limitation. However, if the child has episodes of illness or exacerbations of the impairment(s) that we would rate as "extreme" under this definition, the impairment(s) should meet or medically equal the requirements of a listing in most cases.

No -- Findings explained in Section IIA.

