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General Comment

We support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many cannot fill out the form on their own and will need the help from others. The fact that others have to help can slow down the form completion.

The form has many pages with several narrative questions about the beneficiary's medical treatment, including many details that the beneficiary or those assisting them might not know without assistance from treating health care professionals.

- The form can require hours of work from people and the amount of time varies depending on conditions and resources of the person. We can confidently say that 1 hour is an entirely inaccurate estimate of the time burden of this form. Much of it depends on the person and the connections a person has to be able to complete the form accurately.

The question is will a persons disability change that much to impact their benefits.