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Comment from Buffalo River Services, Inc.

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## General Comment

- In particular, we represent people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many of our constituents cannot fill out the form on their own. Instead, they rely on family, friends, or service providers. It is not simply completing the form, but finding help that takes time.
- The form is 15 pages long with multiple 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 with disabilities and their families, but the amount of time varies depending on conditions and resources. We can confidently say that 1 hour is a completely inaccurate estimate of the time burden of this form.

We hope SSA will revise their burden estimate and take steps to simplify this form and reduce the burden it places on people with disabilities and their family, friends, and service providers