

**MEDICAL SOURCE STATEMENT OF  
ABILITY TO DO WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES (PHYSICAL)**

**NAME OF INDIVIDUAL**

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**  
XXX-XX-XXXX

To determine this individual's ability to do **work-related activities on a regular and continuous basis**, please give us your opinion for each activity shown below:

The following terms are defined as:

- **REGULAR AND CONTINUOUS BASIS** means 8 hours a day, for 5 days a week, or an equivalent work schedule.
- **OCCASIONALLY** means very little to one-third of the time.
- **FREQUENTLY** means from one-third to two-thirds of the time.
- **CONTINUOUSLY** means more than two-thirds of the time.

**Age and body habitus of the individual should not be considered in the assessment of limitations. It is important that you relate particular medical or clinical findings to any assessed limitations in capacity: The usefulness of your assessment depends on the extent to which you do this.**

**I. LIFTING/CARRYING**

Check the boxes representing the amount the individual can lift and how often it can be lifted.

Lift	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)
A. Up to 10 lbs:				
B. 11 to 20 lbs:				
C. 21 to 50 lbs:				
D. 51 to 100 lbs:				

Check the boxes representing the amount the individual can carry and how often it can be carried.

Carry	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)
A. Up to 10 lbs:				
B. 11 to 20 lbs:				
C. 21 to 50 lbs:				
D. 51 to 100 lbs:				

Identify the particular medical or clinical findings (i.e., physical exam findings, x-ray findings, laboratory test results, history, and symptoms including pain, etc.) which support your assessment or any limitations and why the findings support the assessment.

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**II. SITTING/STANDING/WALKING**

Please check how many hours the individual can (if less than one hour, how many minutes):

At One Time without Interruption

	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Hours</u>							
A. Sit	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
B. Stand	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
C. Walk	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

Total in an 8 hour work day

	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Hours</u>							
A. Sit	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
B. Stand	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
C. Walk	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8

If the total time for sitting, standing and walking does not equal or exceed 8 hours, what activity is the individual performing for the rest of the 8 hours?

Does the individual require the use of a cane to ambulate?  Yes  No

If the answer is "yes" please answer the following:

- How far can the individual ambulate without the use of a cane? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the use of a cane medically necessary?  Yes  No
- With a cane, can the individual use his/her free hand to carry small objects?  Yes  No

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**III. USE OF HANDS**

Indicate how often the individual can perform the following activities:

ACTIVITY	Right Hand				Left Hand			
	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)
REACHING (Overhead)								
REACHING (All Other)								
HANDLING								
FINGERING								
FEELING								
PUSH/PULL								

Which is the individual's dominant hand?     Right Hand     Left Hand

Identify the particular medical or clinical findings (i.e., physical exam findings, x-ray findings, laboratory test results, history, and symptoms including pain, etc.) which support your assessment or any limitations and why the findings support the assessment.

**IV. USE OF FEET**

Indicate how often the individual can perform the following activities:

ACTIVITY	Right Foot				Left Foot			
	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)
Operation of Foot Controls								

Identify the particular medical or clinical findings (i.e., physical exam findings, x-ray findings, laboratory test results, history, and symptoms including pain, etc.) which support your assessment or any limitations and why the findings support the assessment.

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**V. POSTURAL ACTIVITIES**

How often can the individual perform the following activities?

ACTIVITY	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)
Climb stairs and ramps				
Climb ladders or scaffolds				
Balance				
Stoop				
Kneel				
Crouch				
Crawl				

Identify the particular medical or clinical findings (i.e., physical exam findings, x-ray findings, laboratory test results, history, and symptoms including pain, etc.) which support your assessment or any limitations and why the findings support the assessment.

**VI. DO ANY OF THE IMPAIRMENTS AFFECT THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEARING OR VISION?**

No  Yes  Not Evaluated

If "yes" please complete the following questions (where appropriate)

1. If a **hearing impairment** is present,
  - a. Does the individual retain the ability to hear and understand simple oral instructions and to communicate simple information?  Yes  No
  - b. Can the individual use a telephone to communicate?  Yes  No
2. If a **visual impairment** is present,
  - a. Is the individual able to avoid ordinary hazards in the workplace, such as boxes on the floor, doors ajar, or approaching people or vehicles?  Yes  No
  - b. Is the individual able to read very small print?  Yes  No
  - c. Is the individual able to read ordinary newspaper or book print?  Yes  No
  - d. Is the individual able to view a computer screen?  Yes  No
  - e. Is the individual able to determine differences in shape and color of small objects such as screws, nuts or bolts?  Yes  No

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**VII. ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITATIONS**

How often can the individual tolerate exposure to the following conditions?

Condition	Never	Occasionally (up to 1/3)	Frequently (1/3 to 2/3)	Continuously (over 2/3)
Unprotected Heights				
Moving Mechanical Parts				
Operating a motor vehicle				
Humidity and wetness				
Dust, odors, fumes and pulmonary irritants				
Extreme cold				
Extreme heat				
Vibrations				
Others: (Identify)				

Condition	Quiet (Library)	Moderate (Office)	Loud (Heavy Traffic)	Very Loud (Jackhammer)
Noise				

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**VIII. PLEASE PLACE A CHECK IN APPROPRIATE BOXES BASED SOLELY ON THE **INDIVIDUAL'S** PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>No</b>
Can the individual perform activities like shopping?		
Can the individual travel without a companion for assistance?		
Can the individual ambulate without using a wheelchair, walker, or 2 canes or 2 crutches?		
Can the individual walk a block at a reasonable pace on rough or uneven surfaces?		
Can the individual use standard public transportation?		
Can the individual climb a few steps at a reasonable pace with the use of a single hand rail?		
Can the individual prepare a simple meal & feed himself/herself?		
Can the individual care for their personal hygiene?		
Can the individual sort, handle, or use paper/files?		

Please identify the medical findings that support this assessment and why the finding support the assessment (unless a narrative report is attached).

**IX. STATE ANY OTHER WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES, WHICH ARE AFFECTED BY ANY IMPAIRMENTS, AND INDICATE HOW THE ACTIVITIES ARE AFFECTED. WHAT ARE THE MEDICAL FINDINGS THAT SUPPORT THIS ASSESSMENT?**

**X. THE LIMITATIONS ABOVE ARE ASSUMED TO BE YOUR OPINION REGARDING CURRENT LIMITATIONS ONLY.**

**HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO FORM AN OPINION WITHIN A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY AS TO PAST LIMITATIONS, ON WHAT DATE WERE THE LIMITATIONS YOU FOUND ABOVE FIRST PRESENT? \_\_\_\_\_**

**XI. HAVE THE LIMITATIONS YOU FOUND ABOVE LASTED OR WILL THEY LAST FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS?  Yes  No**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name, Title and Medical Specialty (Legibly Please)

## Privacy Act Statement

### Collection and Use of Personal Information

**See Revised Privacy Act Statement Attached**

Sections 205(a), 223(d), 1614(a)(3)(H)(I) and 1631(d)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information. The information you provide will be used to complete processing of the named patient's claim.

The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may prevent an accurate or timely decision on the named patient's claim.

We rarely use the information you supply for any purpose other than for determining eligibility for benefits. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage;
2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans Affairs);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, state and local level, and
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

We may also use the information you provide in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, state or local government agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and our programs and systems, is available on-line at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or at your local Social Security office.

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***SSA will insert the following revised Privacy Act Statement into the form at its next scheduled reprinting:***

### **Privacy Act Statement**

#### **Medical Source Statement of Ability to do Work-Related Activities (Physical)**

Sections 205(a), 223(d), (1614(a)(3)(H)(I) and 1631(d)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorize us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide to determine your ability to perform (physical) work-related activities on a regular and continuous basis.

The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide all or part of the information requested may affect our ability to provide an accurate assessment of the individual's physical abilities and/or impairments for this claim.

We rarely use the information you provided on this form for any other purpose other than the reasons explained above. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include, but are not limited to the following:

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