

**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE WITH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

(Please answer all questions)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am qualified in the following way to complete this form:  
Full Name

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am a physician licensed to practice in the State of Nevada.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am a physician who is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | I am a person who is otherwise qualified to execute the certificate. My qualifications are as follows: |

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**SECTION I**

I examined \_\_\_\_\_, an adult, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Patient's Full Name Date of Exam

This patient's diagnosis and condition is: \_\_\_\_\_

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In addition to examining the patient, I reviewed the following documents:

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I certify that this adult patient is unable to respond (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ To a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To an immediate need for medical attention.
- \_\_\_\_\_ To a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss.

Describe immediate risk or need: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the patient present a danger to himself/herself?  Yes  No  
Does the patient present a danger to others?  Yes  No  
Why or why not?

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Has the patient been subjected to abuse, neglect, or exploitation?  Yes  No  
If yes, explain:

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Attached hereto is (check all that apply):

- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of my report of the above exam which includes my findings, opinion and diagnosis regarding the patient and his/her mental condition and/or capacity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the patient's chart notes which support and/or detail my findings, opinion and diagnosis regarding the patient and his/her mental condition and/or capacity.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A letter, signed by me, detailing my findings, opinion and diagnosis regarding the patient and his/her mental condition and/or capacity.

**SECTION II**

Does the patient need a guardian?  Yes  No  
 Why?

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Is the patient capable of living independently with or without assistance?  Yes  No  
 Why or why not?

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**SECTION III**

The patient's level of needed supervision is as follows:

- Locked Facility
- 24 hour supervision
- Independent living with some supervision
- No supervision
- No supervision when taking medication

My opinion as to the patient's everyday functions is as follows:

Independent	Needs Support	Needs Substantial Assistance	Needs Total Care	
				<b>CARE OF SELF (Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and related activities)</b>
				Maintain adequate hygiene, including bathing, dressing, toileting, dental
				Prepare meals and eat for adequate nutrition
				Identify abuse or neglect and protect self from harm

Independent	Needs Support	Needs Substantial Assistance	Needs Total Care
			<b>FINANCIAL</b>
			Manage and use checks, deposit, withdraw, dispose, invest monetary assets
			Enter into a contract, financial commitment, or lease arrangement
			Employ persons to advise or assist him/her
			Resist exploitation, coercion, undue influence

Independent	Needs Support	Needs Substantial Assistance	Needs Total Care
			<b>MEDICAL</b>
			Give/Withhold medical consent
			Admit self to health facility
			Make or change an advance directive
			Manage medications
			Contact help if ill or in medical emergency

Independent	Needs Support	Needs Substantial Assistance	Needs Total Care
			<b>HOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE</b>
			Choose./Establish abode
			Maintain reasonably safe and clean shelter
			Drive or use public transportation
			Make and communicate choices about roommates
			Avoid environmental dangers such as stove, poisons, and obtain emergency help

**SECTION IV**

Would the patient's attendance at a hearing be detrimental to him/her?  Yes  No

If yes, why?

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Would attendance at the hearing be detrimental to the physical health of the patient?  Yes  No

If yes, why?

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Is the patient able to appear at a hearing?  Yes  No

If no, why not?

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Would the patient comprehend the reason for a hearing?  Yes  No

Would the patient contribute to a hearing?  Yes  No

If you conclude the patient cannot attend the hearing, please do the following:

- Inform the patient that the petitioner is requesting that the court appoint a guardian for him/her.
- Ask the patient for a response to the guardianship petition.
- Inform the patient of his/her right to counsel and ask whether the patient wishes to be represented by counsel in the guardianship proceeding.
- Ask the preferences of the patient for the appointment of a particular person as the guardian.

I certify that the patient has been advised of his/her right to counsel and asked whether he/she wishes to be represented in the guardianship proceeding. \_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial).

What was the patient's response to the guardianship petition?

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Does the patient want to be represented by counsel in the guardianship proceeding?

Yes     No

Does the patient have any preferences for the appointment of a particular person as guardian?

Yes     No

If yes, what preferences?

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Are there any conditions that you believe may have limited the responses by the patient?

Yes     No

If yes, what conditions?

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**I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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