Minnesota State Retirement System
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General Employees Retirement Plan
Physician's Statement

All medical information is reviewed by the MSRS' medical advisors. Approval of a disability benefit is determined by the Executive Director of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) based on the recommendation of MSRS' medical advisors.

A narrative statement will be accepted in lieu of this form if all questions presented are addressed, opinions are clearly stated, and it is signed and dated by a physician. Supporting clinical findings and other evidence including laboratory and diagnostic tests may be submitted.

Definition

Total and permanent disability definition
State law defines total and permanent disability as the inability to engage in any substantial or gainful activity as a result of an ongoing or existing, medically proven physical or mental impairment that is expected to continue **for at least one year**.

After approval of a disability benefit, the employee's disability status may be recertified by a physician once a year for the first five years and once every three years thereafter until full retirement age.

1. Patient information

Last name	First name	MI	MSRS ID or SSN

Mailing address	Date of birth

City	State	Zip code

2. Medical information

1. Primary disabling condition: _____

International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Code: _____

2. Onset of disabling condition: ____/____/____ (Month / Day / Year)

3. Most recent examination for disabling condition: ____/____/____ (Month / Day / Year)

4. How long have you treated this patient? From ____/____/____ (Month / Day / Year) To ____/____/____ (Month / Day / Year)

5. How long have you treated this patient for this disabling condition? From ____/____/____ (Month / Day / Year) To ____/____/____ (Month / Day / Year)

Frequency of office visits for disabling condition: ❒ Monthly ❒ Quarterly ❒ Semi-Annually ❒ Annually

6. List the physicians most familiar with your patient's disabling condition:

Doctor or Clinic	Specialty	Dates of Medical Appointment	
		First	Most Recent

7. Clinical findings that support disabling condition: _____

_____

_____

8. Laboratory and diagnostic tests relevant to disabling condition: _____

_____

9. Describe the current and past treatment plans, including medications:

❒ See attachment for current/past treatment plans, including medications.

	Date	Treatment Plan	Medications
Current Treatment Plan			
Past Treatment Plan			

10. Has the patient shown improvement with current treatment plan?

❒ Yes Level of improvement? ❒ Fair ❒ Moderate ❒ Good ❒ Excellent

❒ No

11. Describe the prognosis for the patient's disabling condition:

Over next 12 months: _____

Long-term: _____

12. In your opinion, is this patient totally and permanently disabled as defined on page 1?

❒ Yes Date disability began _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

❒ No Expected date patient can return to work _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year

Psychiatric capabilities

if applicable

❒ **Assessment attached**

Please address all capabilities below		Level of impairment
Ability to comprehend and follow instructions		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to perform simple and repetitive tasks		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to maintain a work pace appropriate to a given workload		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to perform complex or varied tasks		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to relate to other people beyond giving and receiving instructions		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to influence people		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to make generalizations, evaluations or decisions without immediate supervision		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked
Ability to accept and carry out responsibility for direction, control and planning		❒ None ❒ Slight ❒ Moderate ❒ Marked

In your opinion, based on your knowledge, personal contact, and observation of your patient, what are the types of work and work environments that would be conducive for your patient to return to work?

Physical capacity

if applicable

❒ **Assessment attached**

Please address all below	Indicate MAXIMUM capacity in pounds	Not applicable	OCCASIONAL 0 to 2.6 hours per day	FREQUENT 2.7 to 5.3 hours per day	CONSTANT 5.4 to 8.0 hours per day
Low lift (floor to knuckle)					
Mid lift (knuckle to shoulder)					
Full lift (floor to shoulder)					
Carrying					
Pushing					
Walking					
Climbing					
Balance					
Stoop					
Kneeling					
Crouching					
Crawling					
Reaching (immediate)					
Reaching (overhead)					
Handling					
Fingering					
Feeling					
Sitting					
Standing					

Physical capacity

continued

Please indicate your patient's physical capacity based on the Definition in the Department of Labor's *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*:

❒ **Sedentary**

Sedentary work involves lifting no more than 10 pounds at a time and occasionally lifting or carrying articles like docket files, ledgers, and small tools. Although a sedentary job is defined as one which involves sitting, a certain amount of walking and standing is often necessary in carrying out job duties. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required occasionally and other sedentary criteria are met.

❒ **Light**

Light work involves lifting no more than 20 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 10 pounds. Even though the weight lifted may be very little, a job is in this category when it requires a good deal of walking or standing, or when it involves sitting most of the time with some pushing and pulling of arm or leg controls. To be considered capable of performing a full or wide range of light work, you must have the ability to do substantially all of these activities. If someone can do light work, we determine that he or she can also do sedentary work, unless there are additional limiting factors such as loss of fine dexterity or inability to sit for long periods of time.

❒ **Medium**

Medium work involves lifting no more than 50 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 25 pounds. If someone can do medium work, we determine that he or she can also do sedentary and light work.

❒ **Heavy**

Heavy work involves lifting no more than 100 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 50 pounds. If someone can do heavy work, we determine that he or she can also do medium, light, and sedentary work.

❒ **Very Heavy**

Very heavy work involves lifting objects weighing more than 100 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing 50 pounds or more. If someone can do very heavy work, we determine that he or she can also do heavy, medium, light, and sedentary work.

3. Physician's signature

This statement may be signed only by a practicing physician, physicians assistant, psychologist, or chiropractor.

I, the undersigned, a practicing physician, physicians assistant, psychologist, or chiropractor duly registered under the laws of the state in which I practice, do hereby certify that my answers to the foregoing questions are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Name _____ Specialty _____

Signature _____ Medical title _____

Date _____ Phone number _____ Fax number _____

Primary office contact name _____

Primary office contact title _____ Phone # if different from above _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

ABMS Board Certified ❒ Yes ❒ No

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