

**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE WITH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

(Please Print Clearly or Type)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your name), am a physician licensed to practice in the State of Nevada. I examined \_\_\_\_\_ (patient's name), an adult on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The patient suffers from (diagnosis): \_\_\_\_\_

Which is a  Permanent Condition  Temporary Condition.

I certify that this patient is unable to respond (check all that apply; at least one must be provided):

- 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 the immediate risk or need: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is (check all that apply; at least one must be provided):

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

My opinion of the patient's mental capacity and/or ability to function independently without the assistance of others is: \_\_\_\_\_

My opinion as to the patient's risk of harm and need for supervision is as follows:

The patient's risk of harm to self is:

- Mild       Moderate    Severe

The patient's risk of harm to others is:

- Mild       Moderate    Severe

The patient's level of needed supervision is:

- Locked Facility    24 Hour Supervision    No Supervision  
 Independent Living/Some Supervision  
 No Supervision When Taking Meds

My opinion as to the patient's every day functions is:

Care of Self (Activities of Daily Living, a.k.a. ADLS, and Related Activities)

Maintains adequate hygiene, including bathing dressing, toileting, dental

- Independent       Needs Support    Needs Assistance       Total Care

Prepare meals and eat for adequate nutrition

- Independent       Needs Support    Needs Assistance       Total Care

Identify abuse or neglect and protect self from harm

- Independent       Needs Support    Needs Assistance       Total Care

Financial (If Appropriate Note Dollar Limits)

Manage and use checks, deposits, withdrawals, dispose of, and invest monetary assets

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Enter into a contract, financial commitment, or lease arrangement

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Employ persons to advise or assist him/her

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Resist exploitation, coercion, undue influence

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Medical

Give or withhold medical consent

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Admit self to health facility

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Make or change an advance directive

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Manage medications

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Contact help if ill or in a medical emergency

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Home and Community Life

Choose and Establish an Abode

Independent       Needs Support       Needs Assistance       Total Care

Maintain Reasonably Safe and Clean Shelter

- Independent     Needs Support     Needs Assistance     Total Care

Drive or use public transportation

- Independent     Needs Support     Needs Assistance     Total Care

Make and communicate choices regarding roommates

- Independent     Needs Support     Needs Assistance     Total Care

Avoid environmental dangers such as stove and poisons, obtain medical help

- Independent     Needs Support     Needs Assistance     Total Care

Capacity and Attendance at Hearings

The patient  should  should not be required to attend a hearing on a petition for guardianship. If the patient should not attend, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Because I do not believe the patient should attend a guardianship hearing, I  did  did not inform the patient of the patient's right to an attorney in any guardianship proceedings.

- Patient has requested appointment of an attorney
- Patient would not comprehend the need for attorney representation
- Discussing the need for attorney representation with client would be detrimental to patient's mental health.

Response of the patient: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does the patient have the capacity necessary to understand and execute testamentary document, like a will, trust, and powers of attorney?  Yes  No  Uncertain

Would the patient present a risk or threat to self or others if the patient were to own or possess a firearm?  Yes  No  Uncertain

Does the patient have the mental capacity to vote because he or she cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a specific desire to participate in the voting process?  Yes  No  Uncertain

### Guardianship

My opinion as to the patient's need for a guardian is:

- The patient is capable of living independently and does not need a guardian
- The patient is capable of living independently or with minimal supervision, but requires oversight to take medications and/or assistance with medical and financial matters.
  - The patient needs a guardian of the person
  - The patient needs a guardian of the estate
- The patient is not capable of living independently, and does not need a guardian.
- The patient is not capable of living independently, and requires oversight to take medications and/or assistance with medical and financial matters.
  - The patient needs a guardian of the person
  - The patient needs a guardian of the estate

The patient cannot live independently and needs a guardian of the person and estate to for all medical and financial decisions.

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_