

Guidelines for Documentation of Acquired Brain Injury

Effects of brain injury may be widely diverse and cause limitations to cognition, memory, communication, behavior, motor abilities, speech, speed of processing information, and sensory abilities. Included among the relevant diagnoses in this category are any condition caused by trauma, surgery, or cerebral vascular accident (stroke).

Professionals recommended to provide documentation include: physicians, neurologists, neuropsychologists, psychiatrists, and licensed psychologists and/or clinical social workers.

Documentation adequate to establish eligibility for services must include:

- ❖ Written statement of diagnosis
- ❖ Brief history of onset, to include date incurred, area of brain affected, immediate impairment, synopsis of hospitalization and rehabilitation/therapy
- ❖ Specify current level of intellectual functioning and include cognitive and achievement measures used and standardized scores
- ❖ Specify substantially limiting residual physical and/or sensory effects
- ❖ Specify current medications prescribed as a result of the injury, to include side effects that may impact on student academic performance
- ❖ Summary statement of functional limitations