

Guidelines for Documentation of Psychiatric Disorders

This category includes dissociative disorders and disorders of mood, anxiety, cognition, and personality. Examples of specific diagnoses are: bipolar disorder, major depression, generalized anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, and post traumatic stress disorder.

Professionals recommended to provide documentation include psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, and school psychologists.

Documentation adequate to establish eligibility for services must include:

- ❖ A written statement of diagnosis, to include DSM-current classification
- ❖ Information regarding current symptoms and degree of severity
- ❖ A statement of the current impact of the disorder on the student's academic functioning.
- ❖ Information regarding restrictions and/or limitations caused by the disorder
- ❖ Information regarding prescribed medications(s) and possible side effects

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