MENTAL IMPAIRMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

To: _____

Re: _____(Name of Patient)

_____(Social Security No.)

Please answer the following questions concerning your patient's impairments. *Attach all relevant treatment notes and test results which have not been provided previously to the Social Security Administration.*

1. Frequency and length of contact:_____

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2. DSM-IV Multiaxial Evaluation:

   Axis I: _____

   Axis II: _____

   Axis III: _____

   Axis IV: _____

   Axis V: _____

   Current GAF: _____ Highest GAF Past year: _____

3. Identify your patient's signs and symptoms:

	Poor memory		Oddities of thought, perception, speech or behavior
	Appetite disturbance with weight change		Perceptual disturbances
	Sleep disturbance		Time or place disorientation
	Personality change		Catatonia or grossly disorganized behavior
	Mood disturbance		Social withdrawal or isolation
	Emotional lability		Blunt, flat or inappropriate affect
	Loss of intellectual ability of 15 IQ points or more		Illogical thinking or loosening of associations
	Delusions or hallucinations		Decreased energy
	Substance dependence		Manic syndrome
	Recurrent panic attacks		Obsessions or compulsions
	Anhedonia or pervasive loss of interests		Intrusive recollections of a traumatic experience
	Psychomotor agitation or retardation		Persistent irrational fears
	Paranoia or inappropriate suspiciousness		Generalized persistent anxiety
	Feelings of guilt/worthlessness		Somatization unexplained by organic disturbance
	Difficulty thinking or concentrating		Hostility and irritability
	Suicidal ideation or attempts		Pathological dependence or passivity

Other symptoms and remarks:_____

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4. Describe the *clinical findings* including results of mental status examination which demonstrate the severity of your patient's mental impairment and symptoms:

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5. Is your patient a malingerer? Yes No

6. Are your patient's impairments reasonably consistent with the symptoms and functional limitations described in this evaluation? Yes No

   If no, please explain:_____

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7. Treatment and response:_____

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8. a. List of prescribed medications:

NAME OF MEDICATION AND DOSAGE	DAILY AMOUNT TAKEN

   b. Describe any side effects of medications which may have implications for working (dizziness, drowsiness, fatigue, lethargy, stomach upset, etc.):

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9. Prognosis:_____

10. Has your patient's impairment lasted or can it be expected to last at least twelve months? Yes No

11. Does the psychiatric condition exacerbate your patient's experience of pain or any other physical symptom? Yes No

If yes, please explain:_____

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12. Does your patient have a low I.Q. or reduced intellectual functioning?
Yes No

Please explain (with reference to specific test results):

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13. On the average, how often do you anticipate that your patient's impairments or treatment would cause your patient to be absent from work?

Never	About twice a month
Less than once a month	About three times a month
About once a month	More than three times a month

14. Would your patient have difficulty working at a regular, full-time job -- even a simple, routine job -- on a sustained basis? Yes No

Please explain:_____

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15. Identify any additional tests or evaluations you would advise to fully assess your patient's impairments and limitations:

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16. Indicate to what degree the following functional limitations exist as a result of your patient's mental impairments.

FUNCTIONAL LIMITATION		DEGREE OF LIMITATION				
(1)	Restriction of activities of daily living	None	Slight	Moderate	Marked*	Extreme
(2)	Difficulties in maintaining social functioning	None	Slight	Moderate	Marked*	Extreme
(3)	Deficiencies of concentration, persistence or pace resulting in failure to complete tasks in a timely manner (in work settings or elsewhere)	Never	Seldom	Often	Frequent	Constant
(4)	Episodes of deterioration or decompensation in work or work-like settings which cause the individual to withdraw from that situation or to experience exacerbation of signs and symptoms (which may include deterioration of adaptive behaviors)	Never		Once or Twice	Repeated (three or more)	Continual

Marked means more than moderate, but less than extreme. A marked limitation may arise when several activities or functions are impaired or even when only one is impaired, so long as the degree of limitation is such as to seriously interfere with the ability to function independently, appropriately and effectively.

17. Can your patient manage benefits in his or her own best interest? Yes No

_____ _____

Date Signature

Printed/Typed Name:_____

Address: _____

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