Services for Students with Disabilities
Verification Form for Students
Requesting Emotional Support Animals

This form is intended to assist in meeting our documentation requirements for students requesting to bring an emotional support animal to live in campus housing. However, if not thoroughly completed, it may not be sufficient as the sole form of documentation provided. Please refer to the “Guidelines for Documenting Requests for Emotional Support Animals” for comprehensive documentation requirements and additional information. To ensure the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodations, students requesting services must provide current documentation of the disability. The age of acceptable documentation is dependent upon the condition and the nature of the student's request for accommodations. Documentation that reflects the current impact on the student's functioning should be submitted. Present symptoms that meet the criteria for the diagnosis must be noted. To standardize our gathering of information, we ask that you complete the following questions, even if the material has already been included in your evaluation. If the space provided is not adequate, please attach a separate sheet of paper. All information will be kept confidential. Please feel free to contact SSD at (512) 471-6259 with questions.

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The information below is to be completed and signed by the student.

I request and authorize The University of Texas at Austin University Health Services (UHS), Counseling & Mental Health Center (CMHC), Services for Students with Disabilities and/or my off-campus provider (name)____________________________________________________________ to release, fax, mail or discuss with each other information related to my request for housing accommodations

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Student Name                                                                                                  EID
____________________________________________________________________________________

Student Signature        Date

Email Address: ___________________________________ Phone Number: _______________________

If the information above is left blank or is incomplete it may delay or prevent SSD from contacting the student
The information below is to be completed and signed by the Provider.

1. Please list all DSM-5 or ICD Diagnoses (name and at least one code):

Diagnoses:

1. ______________________________________          __________                     __________
2. ______________________________________          __________                     __________
3. ______________________________________          __________                     __________
4. ______________________________________          __________                     __________
5. ______________________________________          __________                    __________

   DSM-5 diagnosis name(s)                               DSM-5 code(s)                ICD-10 code(s)

   a. Approximate onset of diagnosis
   
      □  Child-approximate age:__________________________
      □  Adolescent-approximate age:______________________
      □  Adult-approximate age:___________________________
      □  Unknown
   
   b.  Date of initial contact with student:            _______ / _______ / _______
   
   c.  Date of your last office visit with student:       /    /___________
   
   d.  Date of your next office visit with student:       /    /___________
   
   e.  Approximate number of sessions with student: __________

2. Disability Determination

   a. How did you arrive at this diagnosis? Please check all relevant items below, adding brief notes that you think might be helpful to us as we determine eligibility for accommodations.

      □  Structured or unstructured interviews with student.
      □  Interviews with other persons (i.e. parent, partner, therapist).
      □  Completed forms/checklists/screeners.
      □  Behavioral observations.
      □  Other (Please specify):

   
   b. Describe the symptoms related to the student’s condition that cause significant impairment in a major life activity:

   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
c. Current treatment being received by student:
   □ Individual/Group therapy:
     Frequency: ______________________________________________________
   □ Medication management:
     Current medications: _____________________________________________
   □ Physical / Occupational therapy
     Frequency: _____________________________________________________
   □ Other (please describe):
     ___________________________________________________________________________

  d. Severity of symptoms:
     □ Mild
     □ Moderate
     □ Severe

e. Prognosis of disorder:
     □ Good
     □ Fair
     □ Poor

3. Emotional Support Animal Assessment

a. Type of emotional support animal being recommended: ___________________________

b. Please indicate the following:
   □ Student has an existing relationship with an animal.
   □ Student was recommended an emotional support animal but does not yet have one.
   □ Other: ______________________________________________________________________

c. Describe why an emotional support animal is necessary for disability-related reasons:
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

d. How were disability-related benefits determined? Please check all that apply.
   □ Direct observation of student with animal present
   □ Direct observation of student without animal present
   □ Student self-report information
   □ Interview information from others (parent, partner, therapist)
   □ Other: ______________________________________________________________________

e. Please list your credentials or training experiences (if any) related to prescribing or assessing emotional support animals for disability-related treatment (e.g., formal trainings, counseling techniques and/or supervision regarding human-animal bonding in counseling.)
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
Thank you for your help in providing this information. This form should be signed and returned via fax, mail or email to the SSD office at the address shown at the end of this document.

All documentation submitted to SSD is considered confidential

Provider Information

I certify, by my signature below, that I conducted or formally supervised and co-signed the diagnostic assessment of the student named above.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Print Name and Title: ______________________________________________________

State of License: ___________________ License Number: ______________________

Address

____________________________________________________________________________

Street or P.O. Box: __________________________ City: ____________________________

State: __________________ Zip: ______________________

Phone: ______________ Fax: ______________

Please return this form to:
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