



Housing Choice Voucher Program

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Health Care Professional's Verification of Disability and Need for an Accommodation

Professional's Printed Name Title Address Phone City, State and Zip Code Name of Organization

Seattle Housing may make exceptions to its policies and practices if the person making the request has a disability and needs the accommodation in order to enjoy equal access to housing and other Seattle Housing programs.

Applicant/Participant release:

I, do hereby authorize to release to Seattle Housing Authority the information requested below. Signature Date Last 4 of SSN DOB

Dear Health Care Professional:

Please provide the following information, based on your knowledge of the applicant/participant and his/her family:

- 1) Name(s) of the family member(s) who require an accommodation
2) Is the household member named above disabled?
3) If the patient is disabled, are you using the state/local or federal definitions (see page two)?
4) Please describe the nature and extent of the above named person's disability and the activities this person is unable to perform because of the disability?
5) In your professional opinion, is an accommodation needed, relative to the applicant family member's disability, which would eliminate barriers to services provided by the SHA?

Does the applicant/participant require a live-in aide? Yes No

Signature of Professional Date

On behalf of the above named candidate, we appreciate your assistance in providing this information and in returning this form at your earliest convenience. Please call me if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Seattle Housing Staff Phone Date

Please fax this completed form to Seattle Housing Authority at 206-239-1770 or mail to 907 NW Ballard Way #200, Seattle, WA 98107.

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Fair Housing Act: 42 U.S.C. 802 (h)

- (1) a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities,
- (2) a record of having such an impairment, or
- (3) being regarded as having such an impairment, but such term does not include current, illegal use of or addiction to a controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802))

Note: Although Congress recently struck recovering substance abusers and alcoholism from the definition of disability, the legislation did not affect the Fair Housing Act nor state or local law which continues to include such persons within the definition of disability. SHA will continue to include recovering substance abusers and alcoholics within the definition of disability to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act, state and local laws.

State of Washington and City of Seattle Define Disability at WAC 162-38-050

- (1) RCW 49.60.222 defines practices in connection with real estate transaction that are unfair when done because of the "presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a disabled person." Nothing in this chapter or in RCW 49.60 RCW, however, prohibits treating disabled persons more favorably in a real estate transaction than persons who are not disabled.
- (2) Presence of disability. The presence of a sensory, mental, or physical disability includes, but is not limited to, an **abnormal condition** that:
 - (a) Is medically cognizable or diagnosable;
 - (b) Exists as a record or history; or
 - (c) Is perceived to exist, whether or not it exists in fact.

If SHA receives verification that a person has an "abnormal (medical) condition" that does not meet the federal threshold of constituting a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, SHA will continue to make necessary reasonable accommodations.

However, if a disability qualification is established using the broader state and local definition of disability, SHA will require a participant to re-verify the state and locally defined disability within one year or the next annual review whichever occurs later.

RCW 49.60.222

- (2) For the purposes of this chapter discrimination based on the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a blind, deaf, or physically disabled person includes:
 - (a) A refusal to permit, at the expense of the disabled person, reasonable modifications of existing premises occupied or to be occupied by such person if such modifications may be necessary to afford such person full enjoyment of the dwelling, except that, in the case of a rental, the landlord may, where it is reasonable to do so, condition permission for a modification on the renter agreeing to restore the interior of the dwelling to the condition that existed before the modification, reasonable wear and tear excepted;
 - (b) To refuse to make reasonable accommodation in rules, policies, practices, or services when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability and/or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a blind, deaf, or physically disabled person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling..."