

PHYSICIAN’S REPORT
DEFINITION OF “INCAPACITY” AS DEFINED BY INDIANA LAW

I.C. 29-3-1-7.5, INCAPACITATED PERSON:

It means an individual who:

- (1) Cannot be located upon reasonable inquiry;
- (2) Is unable:
 - (A) To manage in whole or in part of the individual’s property;
 - (B) To provide self-care; or
 - (C) Both;

Because of insanity, mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness, infirmity, habitual drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, incarceration, confinement, detention, duress, fraud, undue influence of others on the individual, or other incapacity; or

- (3) Has a developmental disability (as defined in I.C. 12-7-2-61).

I.C. 12-7-2-61, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY:

(A) Except as provided in subsection (b), “developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that meets all of the following conditions:

- (1) Is attributed to:
 - 1. Intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or autism; or
 - 2. Any other condition (other than a sole diagnosis of mental illness) found to be closely related to intellectual disability, because this condition results in similar impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior or requires treatment or services similar to those required for a person with an intellectual disability.
- (2) Is manifested before the individual is twenty-two (22) years of age.
- (3) Is likely to continue indefinitely.
- (4) Results in substantial functional limitations in at least three (3) of the following areas of major life activities:
 - (A) Self-care.
 - (B) Understanding and use of language.
 - (C) Learning.
 - (D) Mobility.
 - (E) Self-direction.
 - (F) Capacity for independent living.
 - (G) Economic self-sufficiency.

(B) The definition in subsection (A) does not apply and may not affect services provided to an individual receiving:

- (1) Home and community-based Medicaid waiver; or
- (2) ICF/IID;

Services through the division on June 30, 2011.

STATE OF INDIANA)
)ss:
COUNTY OF LAPORTE)

IN THE LAPORTE _____ COURT
CONTINUOUS TERM
CASE NO:

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF)
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An Incapacitated Adult)

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Dr. _____, a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in the State of Indiana, submits the following Report on _____, the alleged incapacitated person (“Person”) named above, based on an examination of said person conducted **within the last three (3) months**, on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

1. The nature and type of the Person’s disability or other incapacity is:

2. In your opinion, based upon your examination and observation of the Patient, is the Patient incapacitated as defined by Indiana law (see attached definition of Incapacity)?

Yes **No**

3. The Person’s mental and physical condition, and, when appropriate, their educational condition, adaptive behavior and social skills are:

4. In my opinion, the Person is **totally or** **only partially incapable** of making personal and financial decisions.

A. The kinds of decisions which the Person can and cannot make are:

- Personal** **Financial** **Both**

B. The facts and/or reasons supporting this opinion are:

5. In my opinion, the most appropriate living arrangement for the Person is:

A. The most appropriate treatment or rehabilitation plan for the Person is:

B. The facts and / or reasons supporting this opinion are:

6. The Person

- cannot appear in Court due to being hospitalized.**
- can appear in Court.**
- cannot appear in Court without creating a threat to his or her health or safety.**

Explain below the specific risk to the Person's health or safety if he or she appears in Court:

7. Urgency (Read carefully and choose one). The Court requires clear, strong, fact-based information to determine whether a guardianship is needed urgently or emergently. Hearings on guardianship may not be set by the Court for up to 45 days unless facts support the need for an earlier hearing setting. Please be very specific.

In my medical opinion, I believe a guardianship is urgently needed (i.e., earlier than approximately 45 days from now) to address the needs of the patient, due to the following:

In my medical opinion, I believe a guardianship is emergently needed (i.e., earlier than approximately 7 days from now) to address the needs of the patient. Explain the nature of the emergency and how quickly a guardianship is required:

The report must be signed by a physician. If the description of the Person's mental, physical and educational condition, adaptive behavior or social skills is based on evaluations by other professionals, all professionals preparing or contributing evaluations must sign the report. Evaluations on which the report is based must be performed within three (3) months of the date of the filing of the petition.

I/We affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

Physician Name (printed): _____

Physician Signature: _____

Address: _____ City:

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Other professionals who performed evaluations upon which this report is based:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City:

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ City:

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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