

DSP Medical Report – Impairment of Functions of the Ear – Moderate – 10 points*

Re:

Date of Birth:

This is a report on the functional capacity of the above-named and is assessed from the date their DSP application was lodged on _____.

1. Date treatment commenced / /

2. Diagnosis

3. When diagnosis made

4. Treatment/Medication

5. Reason for incapacity

6. Are the conditions(s) fully stabilised and unlikely to improve in the next two years?

Yes/No

7. Do you believe that the client has a moderate impairment of functions of the ear?

Does the following apply to activities involving hearing (communication) function or functions of the ear even when using a hearing aid, cochlear implant or other assistive listening device? Or, is sign language or interpreting required? Please circle each indicator relevant to the client and provide any further comments as necessary.

- The client has difficulty hearing a conversation at average volume in a room with no background noise; and
- the client has to use a telephone with a T switch and has occasional difficulty with some words; and
- the client is partially reliant on lip-reading or a recognised sign language (e.g. Auslan), that is, the person needs to lip-read or watch a sign language interpreter in some situations where background noise is present or needs to have parts of conversations clarified or repeated using lip-reading or recognised sign language;

OR,

- The client has more frequent difficulty with balance (e.g. has to sit down or hold on to a solid object) or ringing in the ears which interferes with communication ability or routine activities, due to a medically diagnosed disorder of the inner ear (e.g. Meniere's disease or tinnitus).

Comments

8. Is the client unlikely to be fit to work 15 hours or more per week in the next 2 years?

Yes/No

9. Will the client be able to return to work in the next 2 years with further treatment or additional assistance?

Yes/No

***if the client has multiple health problems s/he may be assessed separately under other impairment table(s)**

10. If the client started a Program of Support (POS) but didn't complete it, was that because of his/her medical condition?

(A POS is for people with at least 20 points on 2 or more impairment tables run by a job/disability service provider designed to assist them to prepare for, find and keep employment)

Yes/No

11. Other Comments

Name/Signature:

Date:

Qualifications: