

## DSP Medical Report – Impairment of Communication Function 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. Whether you believe that the client has a moderate impairment of communication functions?**

Does at least one of the following apply to the client? Please circle each indicator relevant to the client and provide any further comments as necessary.

- The client has some difficulty understanding day to day language, particularly where a sentence or instruction includes multiple steps or concepts (e.g. 'Please take this book out to Jane at the front desk and ask her to give you some paper clips and bring them back in here'); or
- the client may need instructions repeated or broken down into shorter sentences; or
- the client has moderate difficulty in producing speech (e.g. a stutter or stammer), difficulty coordinating speech movements or damage to speech structures (e.g. vocal cords, larynx) which makes speech effortful, slow or sometimes difficult for strangers to understand; or
- the client uses alternative or augmentative communication (e.g. sign language, technology that produces electronic speech, use of symbols to communicate) and is unable to speak clearly and may be partially reliant on a recognised sign language (e.g. Auslan or signed English) or other non-verbal communication methods.

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: