
Visual Disorders

Documentation requirements for an individual requesting services due to a visual disorder (blind or low vision) must be completed by an ophthalmologist or other medical specialist with the experience or expertise in the domain for which he/she is diagnosing.

Comprehensive documentation must be submitted that includes:

1. A clear statement of a vision-related disorder;
2. A summary of the assessment procedures and evaluation instruments used to make the diagnosis, including standardized scores if appropriate;
3. Present symptoms that meet the criteria for the diagnosis;
4. Medical information relating to the status of the individual's vision (static or changing);
5. A description of the condition's current functional impact on learning or other major life activity relevant to the academic experience;
6. A statement addressing the individual's requested accommodation(s), including rationale as to why these accommodation(s) are warranted;
7. A statement regarding how the use of corrective lenses, technology, or ongoing visual therapy may or may not mitigate the visual disorder.