Alaska Department of Health
Division of Public Assistance

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Preliminary Examination for Interim Assistance

Applicant's Name_____ Birth Date:_____

This form must be signed and completed by a licensed medical provider.

Note to Licensed Professionals: Your patient has applied for Interim Assistance (IA) benefits from the State of Alaska. IA provides an interim cash benefit to individuals who have applied but are not yet approved for permanent disability through the Social Security Administration. If the patient is unable to pay for an examination or medical tests needed solely for the completion of this form, Medicaid may cover these costs. Please ask the patient to contact their local Public Assistance office to obtain a special Medicaid coupon for this purpose.

The completion of this form does not alone result in the declaration of disability for the applicant. The diagnoses that you indicate on this form, and the resulting symptoms present as a result of those conditions will be compared to the definition of disability defined by law in Title XVI of the Social Security Act, and subsequent regulations in 20 CFR § 404. The law defines disability based on severity of symptoms, not on diagnosis alone; thus, the diagnosis that you provide on this form merely focuses attention to what symptoms should be considered during the disability determination process. If multiple diagnoses are appropriate, each diagnosis should be indicated on this form, and the resulting severity of symptoms of each noted condition will be compared to the requirements for disability set forth by law.

Please indicate if the above-named person has any of the following impairments <u>as described</u> below.

☐	**NONE OF THESE APPLY**		
☐	Amputation of a leg at the hip	☐	Down Syndrome
☐	Total deafness	☐	End stage renal disease with ongoing dialysis
☐	The individual is receiving hospice services because of a terminal illness	☐	HIV with secondary infection severe enough for the individual to be considered as disabled
☐	Spinal cord injury producing inability to ambulate without the use of a walker, two canes, or crutches.	☐	Stroke (cerebral vascular accident) more than 3 months in the past and continued marked difficulty in walking or using a hand or arm
☐	Bed confinement or immobility without a wheelchair, walker, canes, or crutches, due to a longstanding condition, excluding recent accident and recent surgery. **Does not include simple pain (i.e., back pain).**	☐	Severe mental deficiency (developmental or intellectual) evidenced by dependence on others for personal needs (e.g., hygiene) and other routine daily activities. **Does not include mental illness.**
☐	Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease)	☐	Cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, or muscle atrophy and marked difficulty in walking (e.g. use of braces), speaking, or coordination of the hands and arms

Diagnosis(es) (required) _____

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What is the expected length of time (in months) required for recovery or remission? _____

Information relevant to the applicant's illness or condition or the expected length of time needed for recovery or remission:_____

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Please attach any relevant medical records, laboratory or other test results used to confirm the applicant's diagnosis.

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Signature of medical provider Date Address and Phone Number

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Printed name of medical provider License Number Type of License (e.g. family practice, psychiatry)

NOTE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS RE: DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION TO THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

The Division of Public Assistance encourages the use of patient authorization to release protected health information and will attempt to provide a HIPAA-compliant authorization signed by the patient to accompany this request for information. However, please be aware that if an authorization to release information does not accompany this request for information, or if you are unable to obtain an authorization from your patient, HIPAA regulation - 45 CFR §164.512(d) specifically permits disclosures of protected health information to government benefit programs for which health information is relevant to beneficiary eligibility without the patient's authorization. If you have questions concerning disclosures of protected health information, please contact the Department of Health and Social Services Privacy Official at (907) 465-4722