

**CENTRAL TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC.  
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## Self Certification of Disability

Applicant's Name:	
Name of Person with Disability:	
Relationship of Person with Disability to Applicant:	

**Persons with Disabilities--Any individual who is:**

- A handicapped individual as defined in §7(9) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- Under a disability as defined in §1614(a)(3)(A) or §223(d)(1) of the Social Security Act or in §102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act; or
- Receiving benefits under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 11 or 15.

**APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZATION TO DECLARE DISABLED STATUS:**

I hereby authorize for the purpose of confirming my eligibility as a Person with Disability, in accordance with the above-stated definition of Person with Disability.

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Signature of Person with Disability or His/Her Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Definition explanation:**

- **a handicapped individual as defined in §7(9) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;**
  - 7(9) Disability
  - The term "disability" means--
  - except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (B), a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment; or
  - **(B)** for purposes of sections 2, 14, and 15, and titles II, IV, V, and VII, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
  
- **(B) under a disability as defined in §1614(a)(3)(A) or §223(d)(1) of the Social Security Act or in §102(7) of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act; or**
  - Section 1614(a)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)(A)) authorizes the payment of supplemental security income (SSI) benefits to children who suffer from impairments of "comparable severity" to impairments that would render adults (workers) disabled. The Secretary's former regulations at 20 CFR 416.924 generally provide that a child under age 18 would have been found disabled to purposes of eligibility for SSI benefits only if he or she was found to have an impairment(s) which met the duration requirement and which met or equaled an impairment listed in Appendix 1, Subpart P of Regulations No. 4, the Listing of Impairments. The Supreme Court decided that the Secretary's former regulations implementing the law for evaluating disability in children did not adequately reflect congressional intent. The Court held that the "listings-only" approach used to evaluate the disabilities of children did not carry out the "comparable severity" standard of the Act, in that the listings were set at a level of severity stricter than the level at which an adult can be found disabled and the Secretary's former policies did not provide for an assessment of overall functional impairment.
  - (d)(1) The term "disability" means—
  - inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; or
  - in the case of an individual who has attained the age of 55 and is blind (within the meaning of "blindness" as defined in section [216\(i\)\(1\)](#)), inability by reason of such blindness to engage in substantial gainful activity requiring skills or abilities comparable to those of any gainful activity in which he has previously engaged with some regularity and over a substantial period of time.
  
- **(C) receiving benefits under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 11 or 15.**
  - For the purposes of this chapter, a person shall be considered to be permanently and totally disabled if such person is any of the following:
    - A patient in a nursing home for long-term care because of disability.
    - Disabled, as determined by the Commissioner of Social Security for purposes of any benefits administered by the Commissioner.
    - Unemployable as a result of disability reasonably certain to continue throughout the life of the person.