

Visual Disorders

DISABILITY DOCUMENTATION

Definition of Disability

An individual must demonstrate that his/her condition meets the definition of a disability under the Rehabilitation Act, 1973 and/or the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), 1990. The ADA defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

Substantially limits under ADA refers to significant restrictions as to the condition, manner, or duration under which an individual can perform a particular major life activity as compared to most people.

Whether a condition is substantially limiting to support an

Visual Disorders

Visual impairments are disorders of the function of the eyes that cannot be adequately corrected by medical or surgical intervention, therapy, or conventional eyewear. Individuals with visual disorders may not have any useable vision or the vision may be extremely limited (light, color, shadow perception only).

General documentation guidelines (see above).

Description of the history, current symptoms, and severity of the disorder.

Description of the expected progression or stability of the disorder.

Description of the current functional limitations impacting academic performance resulting from the disorder.