



**VA DISABILITY GROUP**  
PLLC

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## Mental Health Symptom Logs

Hello,

In the Intake Questionnaire, you indicated experiencing Mental Health Symptoms. With this packet, I have included the relevant log. This symptom log packet also includes a rating schedule, used by the VA, on the very last page. This page will give you an idea of how your condition may be rated, and the specific terminology the VA uses to rate your condition. Additionally, definitions for some of the more technical medical terminology has been provided.

It is very important to read and understand these criteria, as your records are used by the VA to evaluate the severity of your condition.

On each page, please fill in your name in the upper-left hand corner and use the log to document all relevant symptoms and send this log back to the firm every 3 months (the firm will handle the submission to the VA – please do not submit these to the VA yourself). Please make sure you sign and date the bottom of each page before submitting these to VA Disability Group.

**IMPORTANT: Focus on reporting the frequency, severity, and consequences of your mental health symptoms. For example, ensure you are recording when your symptoms impact your hygiene, work performance, social interactions, and personal relationships. If you experience panic attacks or outbursts (violent or non-violent), make sure you are recording their severity and the duration of the experience. Finally, be sure to report any suicidal or homicidal ideations.**

You do not need to create an entry for every day, just the days you are experiencing symptoms. Documenting the frequency, severity, and specific symptoms of your condition could help your claim.

You can return this to our office in any of the following ways:

**Email:** [cd@vadisabilitygroup.com](mailto:cd@vadisabilitygroup.com)

**Fax:** 269-569-8611

**Mailing Address:** 2974 Business One Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Once again, we appreciate you choosing our firm and we look forward to working with you on your disability claims. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need more logs, need paper copies, or have questions on how to appropriately record your symptoms.

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Kind regards,

VA Disability Group, PLLC

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EXAMPLE	1, 5, 6, 9	Y	1	<i>EXAMPLE:</i> I had a severe panic attack today. It prevented me from going to the grocery store. I struggled to breath and practiced my controlled breathing techniques. Woke up in middle of night from horrible nightmare and walked around my house to ensure things were in order. Struggled to fall back asleep. Got in fight with wife. She left and went to her sisters.

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# RATING CRITERIA FOR RESPECTIVE EVALUATIONS

## 100 PERCENT:

Total occupational and social impairment, due to such symptoms as: gross impairment in thought processes or communication; persistent delusions or hallucinations; grossly inappropriate behavior; persistent danger of hurting self or others; intermittent inability to perform activities of daily living (including maintenance of minimal personal hygiene); disorientation to time or place; memory loss for names of close relatives, own occupation, or own name.

## 70 PERCENT:

Occupational and social impairment, with deficiencies in most areas, such as work, school, family relations, judgment, thinking, or mood, due to such symptoms as: suicidal ideation; obsessional rituals which interfere with routine activities; speech intermittently illogical, obscure, or irrelevant; near-continuous panic or depression affecting the ability to function independently, appropriately and effectively; impaired impulse control (such as unprovoked irritability with periods of violence); spatial disorientation; neglect of personal appearance and hygiene; difficulty in adapting to stressful circumstances (including work or a work-like setting); inability to establish and maintain effective relationships.

## 50 PERCENT:

Occupational and social impairment with reduced reliability and productivity due to such symptoms as: flattened affect; circumstantial, circumlocutory, or stereotyped speech; panic attacks more than once a week; difficulty in understanding complex commands; impairment of short- and long-term memory (e.g., retention of only highly learned material, forgetting to complete tasks); impaired judgment; impaired abstract thinking; disturbances of motivation and mood; difficulty in establishing and maintaining effective work and social relationships.

## 30 PERCENT:

Occupational and social impairment with occasional decrease in work efficiency and intermittent periods of inability to perform occupational tasks (although generally functioning satisfactorily, with routine behavior, self-care, and conversation normal), due to such symptoms as: depressed mood, anxiety, suspiciousness, panic attacks (weekly or less often), chronic sleep impairment, mild memory loss (such as forgetting names, directions, recent events).

## 10 PERCENT

Occupational and social impairment due to mild or transient symptoms which decrease work efficiency and ability to perform occupational tasks only during periods of significant stress, or symptoms controlled by continuous medication.

## 0 PERCENT

A mental condition has been formally diagnosed, but symptoms are not severe enough either to interfere with occupational and social functioning or to require continuous medication.

*NOTE: These are the mental health symptoms associated with corresponding disability evaluations. In general, you need symptoms at the respective evaluation to qualify for such. If these symptoms are experienced, you will want to list them in the “notes” section of the mental health log. Please keep in mind the listed symptoms are not exhaustive. All symptoms you associate with your mental health condition should be listed in the notes section even if it’s not listed.*