PHYSICIAN'S/MEDICAL OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF PATIENT'S CAPABILITY TO MANAGE BENEFITS

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In replying, use this address:
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)
( )

DATE

SSA CONTACT

Privacy Act: This report is authorized by sections 205(a) and 205(j) of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 405(a) and 405(j). While you are not required to respond, your cooperation will help us decide whether any Social Security benefits that may be due should be paid directly to the patient or to someone else on the patient's behalf. Your cooperation in completing and returning this statement will be appreciated.

We may also use the information you give us when we match records by computer. Matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Many agencies may use matching programs to find or prove that a person qualifies for benefits paid by the Federal government. The law allows us to do this even if you do not agree to it. Explanations about these and other reasons why information you provide may be used or given out are available in Social Security Offices. If you want to learn more about this, contact any Social Security Office.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION (SSA Only)
If different from patient

NAME OF WAGE EARNER OR SELF-EMPLOYED PERSON

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
__ __ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __

PATIENT'S NAME

PATIENT'S ADDRESS (Number and Street, City, State, and ZIP Code)

PATIENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
__ __ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __

PATIENT'S DATE OF BIRTH

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The patient shown above has filed for or is receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income payments. We need you to complete the back of this form and return it to us in the enclosed envelope to help us decide if we should pay this person directly or if he or she needs a representative payee to handle the funds. **Please Note:** This determination affects how benefits are paid and has no bearing on disability determinations. Thank you for your help.

WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

A representative payee is someone who manages the patient's money to make sure the patient's needs are met. The payee has a strong and continuing interest in the patient's well-being and is usually a family member or close friend.

WHO NEEDS A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

Some individuals age 18 and older who have mental or physical impairments are not capable of handling their funds or directing others how to handle them to meet their basic needs, so we select a representative payee to receive their payments. Examples of impairments which may cause incapability are senility, severe brain damage or chronic schizophrenia. However, even though a person may need some assistance with such things as bill paying, etc., does not necessarily mean he/she cannot make decisions concerning basic needs and is incapable of managing his/her own money.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM

1. Date you last examined the patient _____ .

2. Do you believe the patient is capable of managing or directing the management of benefits in his or her own best interest?

By capable we mean that the patient:

- Is able to understand and act on the ordinary affairs of life, such as providing for own adequate food, housing, clothing, etc., and
- Is able, in spite of physical impairments, to manage funds or direct others how to manage them.

☐ Yes — If "Yes", please omit question 3, but be sure to sign and date the form.

☐ No — If "No", please provide a brief summary of the findings that led to this conclusion. Also, complete question 3.

☐ Unsure — If "unsure", please explain.

3. Do you expect the patient to be able to manage funds in the future (for example, the patient is temporarily unconscious)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain.

NAME OF PHYSICIAN/MEDICAL OFFICER *(Please print.)*	TITLE
ADDRESS *(Number and street, City, State, and ZIP Code)*	TELEPHONE NUMBER *(Include Area Code)* ( )

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined all the information on this form, and on any accompanying statements or forms, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly gives a false or misleading statement about a material fact in this information, or causes someone else to do so, commits a crime and may be sent to prison, or may face other penalties, or both.

SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN/MEDICAL OFFICER	DATE