

# Medical Verification for an Emotional Support Animal Accommodation

This form must be completed by a qualified mental health professional (such as a psychologist or psychiatrist), or a family physician, or a nurse practitioner.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ I, \_\_\_\_\_ am requesting an  
*Myself or Name of Patient* *Name of Patient or Guardian of Patient*  
emotional support animal accommodation at the \_\_\_\_\_ Housing Authority.  
*Name of Housing Authority*

*The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018* requires the accommodation of persons with disabilities. To be eligible for an accommodation to have an emotional support animal live with them in their rental unit, housing authority tenants must demonstrate they:

- have a disability;
- require the support animal because of their disability;
- would be at significant risk of an adverse health consequence in the absence of the animal; and
- will be able to provide daily ongoing care for their animal. Care includes adequate exercise, proper removal and disposal of animal feces and waste, training, and discipline, as applicable.

*The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018* defines “disability” as:

(a) any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement, including epilepsy, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical coordination, blindness or visual impediment, deafness or hearing impediment, muteness or speech impediment, or physical reliance on a service animal, wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device or

(b) any of the following disabilities: an intellectual disability of impairment, a learning disability, or dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in the comprehension or use of symbols or spoken language, a mental disorder.

## Emotional Support Animals

Emotional support animals are not pets. An emotional attachment to an animal does not give rise to a duty for the housing authority to accommodate a tenant’s request for an emotional support animal. The requirement for accommodation arises only where there is sufficient medical evidence to establish the tenant is at significant risk of adverse health consequences without the animal, the animal is required for home support, and the tenant relies on the animal for everyday living.

The needs of the tenant will be balanced against the needs of other tenants who might be adversely affected by the presence of an animal. For example, another tenant might be allergic to animal dander.

# Questions

In your opinion as a qualified mental health or medical professional:

- Does your patient have a disability as defined in the *Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018*? The definition is included on the previous page of this form.  Yes  No
- Does your patient require the support of an emotional support animal in their home because of their disability?  Yes  No
- Would your patient be at significant risk of an adverse health consequence in the absence of the animal? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

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- More specifically, would the animal provide a therapeutic benefit beyond that of a pet? If yes, explain below.  Yes  No

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- Would the therapeutic benefit relate to a specific condition and improve your patient's daily functioning in relation to that condition? If yes, explain below:  Yes  No

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- Is your patient able to provide ongoing daily care for their animal?  Yes  No  NA
- Is your patient able to control their animal while the animal is in public or around other animals?  Yes  No  NA

Please include any other information you want the housing authority to know as it considers your patient's request for an accommodation.

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*Name of Mental Health or Medical Professional (Print)*

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*Signature of Mental Health or Medical Professional*

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*Date (MM/DD/YYYY)*

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*Professional Designation*