



MEDICAL VERIFICATION FOR AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL ACCOMMODATION

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

One of your patients is requesting an accommodation to have an emotional support animal live with them in a Saskatchewan Housing Corporation rental unit managed by the _____ Housing Authority.

The building your patient lives in has a no-pet policy. Before the request for accommodation can be approved, the housing authority requires confirmation your patient (a tenant) has a disability as defined by *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018* and information about the support the animal will provide to them.

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.

The information provided in this form will be used only for the purpose of assessing the tenant's request for an accommodation to have an emotional support animal live with them. This information will be kept confidential and will be disclosed only to the tenant, authorized personnel of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation and the _____ Housing Authority, and their professional advisors, such as legal or medical professionals. It will not be disclosed to third parties without the tenant's prior written consent.

DUTY TO ACCOMMODATE

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.

QUESTIONS

In your opinion as a mental health professional:

- Does your patient have a disability as defined in the *Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018*? 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

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

- 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

- 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.

SIGNATURE

Mental Health Professional Name (Print)

Mental Health Professional Signature

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Mental Health Professional Stamp