



Atlas Assistance Dogs® – Sample Letter of Medical Indication

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To the health care professional:

We appreciate your assistance in this application process. An individual under your care is requesting certification through Atlas Assistance Dogs. Atlas' certification process ensures that applicants are qualified, trained, and prepared to take a service dog into public facilities where dogs are typically prohibited. As part of the certification process, Atlas Assistance Dogs requires a letter of medical indication. This letter helps establish the individual's qualification under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for a service dog, or in other words, that the individual indeed has a condition that is disabling.

Please provide a brief letter of medical indication on your (health professional's) letterhead that includes the following:

1. Date
2. Statement that the applicant is your patient
3. How long the applicant has been your patient
4. The type and involvement of your patient's disability

The letter must be signed by the treating licensed health professional (with a master's degree or higher). Treatment must have occurred within the last 12 months, and the letter must have been written within the last six months.

You may provide the letter directly to the applicant. If you prefer to send the letter directly to Atlas, please email it to info@atlasdog.org or mail it to Atlas Assistance Dogs, PO Box 525, Bellevue, WA 98009

Please see the template and sample letter on the following page. Thank you,
Atlas Assistance Dogs

Dr. Joe Smith
123 Main Street Sample, AB 12345

November 1, 2019

Re: _____ (patient name) DOB: _____

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been treating _____ (patient) for _____ (diagnosis) since _____. Their _____ (diagnosis) impacts their life by _____, _____, _____, to a _____ (mild, moderate, severe, intermittent, chronic, etc) _____ (degree, frequency, etc).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 123.456.7890. Sincerely,

Joe Smith

Joe Smith, M.D.

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Sample:

Dr. Joe Smith
123 Main Street Sample, AB 12345

November 1, 2019

Re: Jane Doe: DOB 12/31/1970

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been treating Ms. Jane Doe for seizures since 2014 (approximately five years). Her intermittent seizures resist total control with medications, impede her independence and her finishing college, and have led to an increase in her debilitating migraines.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 123.456.7890. Sincerely,

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