



**EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM
SERIOUS CHRONIC CONDITION EXCLUSION REQUEST FORM**

Absences arising out of a medically established **serious chronic condition** will not be counted for the purposes of being placed on, or progressing through, the steps of Headwaters Health Care Centre Employee Attendance Support Program.

A **serious chronic condition** is defined as a medically established (through objective testing, imaging, etc.) long-term disease that develops slowly over time, often progressing in severity, and can often be controlled, but rarely cured. The term "serious" is applicable to a chronic medical condition that despite optimal treatment causes the individual temporary or permanent disability which impacts activities of daily living, including performing some or all of the essential job duties. A serious chronic medical condition requires ongoing treatment/consultation with an appropriate treating specialist. Dates of absence due to temporarily disability caused by serious chronic condition supported by proper medical documentation (**from treating specialist**) will not be counted towards the Attendance Support Program. The employee must also be compliant with their practitioners recommended treatments (e.g. medications, diet, exercise, etc.). Treating specialist may be a practitioner specializing in a particular class of patients (e.g. family medicine, pediatrics) or of diseases (e.g. rheumatology, endocrinology) or technique (e.g. orthopedic surgeon, ophthalmology).

Part 1: EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATION

Employee Name (please print): _____

I hereby authorize my attending physician to complete this Exclusion Request Form specifically in reference to my serious chronic condition:

Patient Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Part 2: ATTENDING PHYSICIAN INFORMATION (Use reverse if insufficient space below)

Your patient has indicated that they are periodically totally disabled and unable to attend work related to a serious chronic condition (see definition above). Please answer the following questions based on your objective medical opinion and assessment:

- a. Does your patient have a medically established serious chronic condition that may impact ability to work?..... YES NO
- b. Please provide what the serious chronic condition is based on the above definition.....
- c. When was your patient first diagnosed with the serious chronic condition?
- d. How often is your patient reassessed in regards to the serious chronic condition?.....
- e. Prior to today, when were they last assessed?.....
- f. Was your patient assessed and diagnosed by a practitioner specializing in the diagnosed condition?..... YES NO
- g. What testing was done to diagnosis serious chronic condition?.....
- h. Is your patient compliant with recommended treatments and follow up appointments?..... YES NO
- i. Does ongoing treatment side effects result in periodic inability to perform essential duties of job?.. YES NO N/A
- j. What is the current state of the condition?..... STABLE UNSTABLE

Part 3: ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AUTHORIZATION

I certify that, in my opinion, the above statement(s) accurately confirms that my patient has a medically established serious chronic condition that may periodically affect their ability to perform the essential duties of their job and are an accurate representation of my actual treatment/medical notes.

MD Signature <hr/> MD Name <hr/> Date <hr/> Address & Telephone <hr/>	Office Stamp (required for validation)
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Once completed, please return this form via FAX or EMAIL to Occupational Health and Safety **Fax:** 519-941-2342 or **Email:** occhealthandsafety@headwatershealth.ca

