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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) Accommodation Request Form

Date ____________ **Name** ______________________________

Employer Name ______________________________

Please complete this form to request an accommodation for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) and/or analogous state law and return it to New York Life Group Benefit Solutions. NYL GBS services your employer's job accommodation program and any information you provide to NYL GBS in connection with your ADA request will be shared with your employer.

The "interactive process" under the ADA and PWFA is a process by which employers and employees engage in a dialogue to determine reasonable accommodations that may enable the individual to perform essential job functions. It aims to facilitate collaboration in finding effective solutions that address the specific needs of the employee. Upon completion of these forms, additional dialogue between you and your employer may be necessary.

NOTE: The federal Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) and applicable state or local laws prohibit covered employers from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by such laws. To comply with such laws, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. "Genetic information" as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.

Job Title ______________________ **Employee ID** ______________________

Work Number ______________________ **Department** ______________________

Home Number ______________________ **City** ______________________ **State** ______

Email Address ______________________________

Manager's Name ______________________ **Manager's Phone Number** ______________________

Complete this Section for All Requests

1. Are you requesting accommodation because of your **own** pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy related medical condition (which may or may not be considered a disability under the ADA)? Check one: ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If the answer is Yes, please answer Question 2. If the answer is No, please move on to Question 3.

   Note: PWFA expands an employee's rights by covering *known limitations* related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

2. Are you requesting any of the following pregnancy related accommodations?
   - a. Carry water and/or drink, as needed, in your work area ☐ Yes ☐ No
   - b. Additional restroom breaks ☐ Yes ☐ No
   - c. If your work requires standing, an allowance to sit or if your work requires sitting, an allowance to stand ☐ Yes ☐ No
   - d. Allowance of breaks, as needed, to eat and drink ☐ Yes ☐ No
   - e. Breaks and/or an area for lactation in a reasonable proximity to the usual work location ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If your accommodation request is limited to those that are listed in Question 2, the ADA "Health Care Provider Questionnaire" does not need to be completed.

   If you are seeking an accommodation that is not listed in Question 2, please have your health care provider complete the "Health Care Provider Questionnaire."

3. Are you requesting accommodation because of your ***own*** physical or mental impairment (as opposed to the medical need of a family member)? Check one: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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4. Are you having difficulty performing your job duties due to your physical or mental impairment? If so, please describe the affected job duties and the difficulty you are having.

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5. What accommodations are you requesting, and how would such accommodations help you perform your job duties or address other challenges you are experiencing?

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6. How long will you require an accommodation? Check one: ☐ Permanently ☐ Temporarily ☐ Unknown

a. If temporary, what is the anticipated recovery date? ____________________

b. If unknown, is there an estimated end date? ____________________

If you are requesting leave of absence as an accommodation, check the type of leave requested and complete the accompanying questions.

☐ **Continuous Leave** (leave for a single block of time)

- What is the time period for which you request continuous leave?

Leave start date: ____________________ Leave end date: ____________________

☐ **Reduced Work Schedule** (a leave schedule that reduces your usual number of working hours per week or hours per workday)

- What is the reduced work schedule you are requesting (e.g., 4 hours per day, 3 days per week)?

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- What is the time period for which you request a reduced work schedule?

Reduced work schedule start date: ____________ Reduced work schedule end date: ____________

☐ **Intermittent Leave** (leave taken in separate blocks of time)

- What is the estimated frequency and duration of the intermittent leave you are requesting? (e.g., 1 day duration at a frequency of 5 times per month.)

Duration: ____________ ☐ hour(s) OR ☐ day(s) (mark one)

Frequency: ____________ ☐ time(s) per week OR ☐ month (mark one)

- What is the time period for which you request intermittent leave?

Intermittent leave start date: ____________ Intermittent leave end date: ____________

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Employee Signature Date

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Return completed certification form to:

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) Accommodation Request Health Care Provider Questionnaire

Date ____________ **Name** ______________________________________ **Notification #** ________________

Employer Name ____

Your patient has requested an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) and/or analogous state law. When a disability and/or the need for accommodation is not obvious, an employer may ask for reasonable documentation from a health care provider about an employee's disability and functional limitations. **NOTE:** The federal Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) and applicable state or local laws prohibit covered employers from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by such laws. To comply with such laws, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. "Genetic information" as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.

1. Does the patient have a pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy related medical condition (which may or may not be considered a disability under the ADA) for which an accommodation is recommended? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Does the patient have one of the following health conditions; which under the ADA, a disability impairment is assumed*? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   - Cancer
   - Diabetes
   - Post-traumatic stress disorder
   - HIV
   - Autism
   - Cerebral palsy
   - Deafness or hearing loss
   - Blindness or low vision
   - Epilepsy
   - Intellectual disabilities
   - Major depressive disorder
   - Traumatic brain injury
   - Mobility disabilities such as those requiring the use of a wheelchair, walker, or cane

   Source: *U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division,* ***www.ada.gov***

3. Does the patient have a physical or mental impairment for which an accommodation is recommended?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Does the impairment limit the patient's major life activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   Major life activities include but are not limited to, instrumental activities of daily living such as caring for oneself and performing manual tasks; physical activities such as seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, sitting, reaching, lifting, bending, etc.; and the operation of any major bodily system.

   If yes, identify any major life activities limited by the patient's impairment.

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5. Does the patient's impairment limit their ability to:
   a. Perform their job duties as described to you by your patient? ☐ Yes ☐ No
      If yes, identify the affected job duties and describe and manner and degree of limitation in detail.

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b. Access benefits and other privileges of employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Examples include but are not limited to office parties at an accessible location, access to an employee cafeteria or parking, etc.

If yes, identify the affected benefits/privileges and describe the manner and degree of limitation in detail.

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6. How long do you expect the patient's impairment or pregnancy related condition to last?

   Check One: ☐ Permanently ☐ Temporarily ☐ Unknown

   a. If temporary, what is the anticipated recovery date? ____________________

   b. If unknown, is there an estimated end date? ____________________

7. What specific restrictions, if any, have you placed on the patient relevant to their employment and job functions?

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8. What specific accommodations, if any, do you recommend that may enable the patient to overcome the limitations referenced above and enable the patient to perform his/her job functions and/or access benefits and other privileges or employment? Please explain how the suggested accommodation is likely to be effective in addressing the limitations.

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9. **If the patient is currently on leave**, could your patient return to work at this time if workplace accommodations are provided for the listed restrictions and/or limitations? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, explain why not.

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10. If you recommend leave of absence as an accommodation for the patient, check the type of leave recommended and complete the accompanying questions.

☐ **Continuous Leave** (leave for a single block of time)

- What is the time period for which you recommend continuous leave?

Leave start date: ____________________ Leave end date: ____________________

☐ **Reduced Work Schedule** (a leave schedule that reduces your usual number of working hours per week or hours per workday)

- What is the reduced work schedule you are recommending (e.g., 4 hours per day, 3 days per week)?

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- What is the time period for which you recommend a reduced work schedule?

Reduced work schedule start date: ____________ Reduced work schedule end date: ____________

☐ **Intermittent Leave** (leave taken in separate blocks of time)

- If applicable, what is the estimated frequency and duration of intermittent leave recommended for **planned medical treatments including recovery time** and the start and end dates of same? *(e.g., 4 hours duration at a frequency of 2 times per month.)*

Duration: ____________ ☐ hour(s) OR ☐ day(s) (mark one)

Frequency: ____________ ☐ time(s) per week OR ☐ month (mark one)

Start date: ____________________ End date: ____________________

- If applicable, what is the estimated frequency and duration of intermittent leave recommended for **episodic, incapacitating, and unforeseeable flare-ups, necessitating the employee to take leave from work** and the start and end dates of same? *(e.g., 2 days duration at a frequency of 1 times per week.)*

Duration: ____________ ☐ hour(s) OR ☐ day(s) (mark one)

Frequency: ____________ ☐ time(s) per week OR ☐ month (mark one)

Start date: ____________________ End date: ____________________

Healthcare Provider Signature: ____

Name (Print): ____________________ **Specialty:** ____________________

Phone: ____________________ **Date:** ____________________

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