

BRIEF LISTING OF THE COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE CASES

The following is a brief listing of the Compassionate Allowance Cases identified by the Social Security Agency. These conditions are mostly adult impairments; however, a parent of a child with those conditions, and could be considered as an eligible catastrophic situations. Not all of these impairments will automatically equal disability, but the diagnostic testing and treatment for these impairments is very time consuming and would require extended absences for the purpose of catastrophic leave, or short-term benefits. The following items are an abbreviated list, which covers most of the items in the detailed listing. However, many serious maladies, other than this short list can be found on the detailed attachment and for considering automatic approvals, the detailed list should be included as it is comprehensive. The Office of Personnel Management Catastrophic Leave Bank Program will utilize this brief list and the detailed list as conditions in the determination of catastrophic leave awards.

Brief listing of illnesses/injuries which may be considered for automatic approval:

- Complicated joint/spine surgery, with ongoing surgical management for infection, fractures with delayed healing, etc.
- Major amputations, beyond the carpal and tarsal bones
- Heart transplant
- Lung transplant
- Kidney transplant
- Liver transplant
- Bone marrow/stem cell transplant
- Major burn injuries
- Cardiac surgery (coronary artery bypass, heart valves, aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease)
- Major GI surgery (perforated bowel, bowel resection)
- Hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis (kidney disease requiring dialysis)
- Uncontrolled seizure disorder with:
 - a. Generalized tonic-clonic seizures occurring at least once a month for at least three consecutive months despite adherence to prescribed treatment
 - b. Discognitive seizures occurring at least once a week for at least three consecutive months despite adherence to prescribed treatment
 - c. Generalized tonic-clonic seizures occurring at least once every two months for at least four consecutive months despite adherence to prescribed treatment and a marked limitation in one of the following:
 1. Physical functioning or,
 2. Understanding, remembering or applying information or,
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- d. Dyscognitive seizures, occurring at least once every two weeks for at least three consecutive months despite adherence to prescribed treatment and a marked limitation in one of the following:
1. Physical functioning or,
 2. Understanding, remembering or applying information or,
 3. Interacting with others or,
 4. Concentrating, persisting or maintaining pace or
 5. Adapting or managing oneself.
- Acute CVS (stroke) with significant neurologic deficits
 - Symptomatic benign or malignant brain tumors
 - Spinal cord disorder with loss of function
 - Uncontrollable multiple sclerosis with:
 - a. disorganization of motor function in two extremities, resulting in an extreme limitation in the ability to stand up from a seated position, balance while standing or walking, or use of the upper extremities; or
 - b. marked limitation in physical functioning, and in one of the following:
 1. Understanding, remembering or applying information or
 2. Interacting with others or
 3. Concentrating, persisting or maintaining pace or
 4. Adapting or managing oneself.
 - Traumatic brain injury with significant neurologic deficits
 - Most newly diagnosed cancer requiring a combination of surgery and/or chemotherapy and/or radiation
 - Trauma requiring surgical intervention and rehabilitation
 - Hospitalization for two weeks or more
 - Hospitalization requiring inpatient rehabilitation services after discharge
 - Non-healing wounds with documented history of treatment x 3 months
 - Care for a child or spouse diagnosed with life-threatening illness