

Temporary Disabilities

Summary

Temporary disabilities may not be covered under Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act unless the impairment substantially limits a major life activity.

Purpose

This document explains the law regarding temporary disabilities and the requirements for eligibility to receive accommodations for temporary disabilities.

Policy

Temporary disabilities may not be covered under Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act unless the impairment substantially limits a major life activity. The issue of whether a temporary impairment is significant enough to be a disability must be resolved on a case by case basis, taking into consideration both the duration of the impairment and the extent to which it actually limits a major life activity of the affected individual (ADA Technical Assistance Manual, Department of Justice).

Students seeking accommodations or services on the basis of a temporary disability must provide documentation verifying the nature of the condition, stating the expected duration of the condition, and describing the accommodation deemed necessary. The assessment or verification of disability should not be more than 30 days old and should reflect the student's current level of disability. Temporary accommodations are valid for one semester.

Continuance of accommodations beyond one semester is allowed only with supporting documentation. The cost of obtaining the professional verification is the responsibility of the student. Students must also sign a Temporary Services Agreement produced by the Center for Accommodation and Access.

Related USG Policy

4.1.5 Students with Disabilities

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Responsible Authority

Director of the Center for Accommodation and Access