

Developmental Disability Determination Criteria

1. **There is evidence of either adaptive behavior impairment OR cognitive impairment and the disability manifested prior to age 22.**
2. **The testing is current.**
3. **The disability is not only attributable to a physical or sensory impairment or mental illness.**
4. **The cognitive or adaptive behavior impairment are due to Mental Retardation or related condition or other neurological condition.**

Breaking that down further:

1. There is evidence of either adaptive behavior impairment **OR** cognitive impairment and the disability manifested prior to age 22. The assessment tool will need to be standardized and show the same thing it does now: two standard deviations below the mean or in general a score of 70 or below on the composite score. Abbreviated testing will no longer be acceptable, nor will a letter of professional opinion. The Adaptive Behavior Assessment must be done with interviews and record review as opposed to distributing questionnaires and compiling the results. Adaptive Testing must look at all domains and give a composite score.
2. The testing is current. The most current version of the assessment tool at the time of the testing should be used (example: WAIS-IV). If the applicant is 18 years old or older and only one test is available, it must have been completed when the person was at least 18 years old and within 10 years of the request to the CCB.
If there is more than one assessment available for review, the assessments must show similar results and can be used regardless of the individual's age at the time of the request.

Adaptive Behavior Testing results are considered current if tests were administered within three years of date of application for determination of DD. Testing must be comprehensive.

3. The disability is not only attributable to a physical or sensory impairment or mental illness. The applicant will need to provide documents to supply historical information, medical information, IEP, etc., to show evidence of reason for disability. This burden of proof is on the applicant.
4. The cognitive or adaptive behavior impairment are due to Mental Retardation or related condition or other neurological condition. Again, the burden of proof is on the applicant to provide documents that indicate MR or a related condition or a neurological condition. There are over 600 neurological conditions that may or may not be associated with intellectual or adaptive behavior impairments. A letter from a physician listing the diagnosis may be the best option to meet criteria three and four at the same time. Having a neurological condition is a necessary criteria for determination, but it alone it not sufficient for determination.

**Horizons does not have staff who will be administering any of these assessments as part of their employment with Horizons. Applicants are responsible for procuring assessments on their own. Horizons does not have funds available for payment for testing.