NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Date of Assessment:	•••••
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This worksheet will help you and other family members determine what types of assistance your loved one needs.

Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)

ACTIVITIES	ACCOMPLISHES ALONE	NEEDS SOME HELP	NEEDS MUCH HELP	NOTES
Bathing				
Dressing				
Grooming				
Toileting				
Eating a nutritious diet				
Getting out of bed				
Getting out of chair				
Walking				

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs)

ACTIVITIES	ACCOMPLISHES ALONE	NEEDS SOME HELP	NEEDS MUCH HELP	NOTES
Using the telephone				
Shopping for personal items				
Transportation				
Managing money				
Doing laundry				
Doing light housework				
Preparing meals				

Conditions/Functional Status

How do limitations/difficulties with the following affect the person's ability to function?

ACTIVITIES	NO EFFECT	SOME EFFECT	MAJOR EFFECT	NOTES
Hearing				
Vision				
Perception				
Orientation				
Thinking				
Memory				
Decision-Making/Judgement				
Physical Dexterity				
Balance				

ACTIVITIES	NO EFFECT	SOME EFFECT	MAJOR EFFECT	NOTES
Strength				
Energy				
Bladder or bowel control				
Arthritis				
Hypertension				
Heart Disease				
Diabetes				
Physical deformity				
Depression				

Environmental Safety

Which barriers can be removed or changed?

LIMITATION	NO PROBLEM	NEEDS TO BE
LIMITATION	NOTROBLEM	CHANGED
Neighborhood:		
Safety		
Convenience		
Friends or relatives nearby		
Living Quarters:		
Condition		
Age of dwelling		
Roof in good repair		
Windows in good repair		
Siding in good condition		
Looks cared for		
Security and safety		
Dead bolt locks on outside doors		
Peephole in front door		
Window bars or locks		
Visible from road (no large trees or bushes block view)		
Smoke alarms installed, tested		
Fire extinguisher, not expired		
Passageways clear of wires and clutter		
Stairs:		
Free of obstacles and clutter		
Well-lit		
Handrails on both sides		
In good repair and nonskid		
Clearly marked		ū

LIMITATION	NO PROBLEM	NEEDS TO BE CHANGED
Floors:		
Nonskid level surfaces		
Nonglare surfaces		
No loose rugs		
Furnishings:		
Couch and chair easy to use		
Tables the right height		
Bed easy to get in and out of		
Lighting:		
Light switches easy to reach		
Entries and walkways well-lit		
Reading areas well-lit		
Light diffused from windows and surfaces (no glare)		
Passageways have night lights		
Kitchen:		
Lever handles on sink		
Clean rubber mat by the sink		
Items used often are accessible		
Storage is easy to get to		
No objects are over the stove		
Well-lit		
Bathroom:		
Grab bars attached to studs, by the toilet and tub or shower		
Nonskid strips in the tub or shower		
Hand-held shower head		
Nonslip bath mat or rug		

Other Information:

List your loved one's informal support networks, such as a neighbor who runs errands or a youth who shovels snow and chops wood

List social services your loved one uses, such as home-delivered meals or home services
List services or support your loved one says he or she needs or wants
List your needs as a caregiver
List your needs as a caregiver
What obligation competes for your time and resources?
How can you maintain your physical, mental, social, and financial well-being?
List services or support you use as a caregiver need to help provide care
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