

AFCARS Disability /Special Needs Table and Definitions

The table below lists several medical/emotional conditions that may be mapped to disability codes and special needs codes for FACTS. Following the table is a list of AFCARS definitions for disabilities 45 CFR 1355.40 Appendix A. **This is not an exhaustive list of all conditions** that a State may be using in a State's Information system. In some instances, the ICD-9 code is included.

DESCRIPTION	FACTS Disability Code	FACTS Special Needs Code	AFCARS Data Element
Borderline Intellectual Functioning	MR	MED	24
Down Syndrome	MR	MED	24
Hydrocephalus	MR	MED	24
Intellectual Disabilities (all degrees)	MR	MED	24
Microcephaly	MR	MED	24
Asperger's Syndrome	AS	MEC	25
Autistic Disorder	AS	MEC	25
Rett Disorder	AS	MEC	25
Blindness and Low Vision (ICD-9: 369)	SI	MEC	26
Cataracts	SI	MEC	26
Congenital anomaly of the eye	SI	MEC	26
Diabetic Retinopathy	SI	MEC	26
Glaucoma	SI	MEC	26
Retinal Detachment and Defects (ICD-9: 361)	SI	MEC	26
Visual Disturbances (ICD-9: 368)	SI	MEC	26
Deaf	HE	MEC	27
Hearing Loss (ICD-9: 389)	HE	MEC	27
Arthritis	PD	PHD	28

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Brittle Bones/Osteogenesis Imperfectus	PD	PHD	28
Cerebral Palsy	PD	PHD	28
Chronic Motor Tic Disorder	PD	PHD	28
Club Foot	PD	PHD	28
Diplegia	PD	PHD	28
Multiple Sclerosis	PD	PHD	28
Muscular Dystrophy	PD	PHD	28
Myasthenia Gravis	PD	PHD	28
Paralysis-Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Diplegic	PD	PHD	28
Poliomyelitis	PD	PHD	28
Rheumatoid Arthritis (juvenile)	PD	PHD	28
Spina bifida	PD	PHD	28
Adjustment Disorders	ED	EMD	29
Agoraphobia	ED	EMD	29
Anorexia Nervosa	ED	EMD	29
Antisocial Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Avoidant Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Borderline Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Bulimia	ED	EMD	29
Conduct Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Cyclothymic Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Dependent Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Depression	ED	EMD	29
Disruptive Disorders	ED	EMD	29
Dysthymic Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Histrionic Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Impulse Control Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	ED	EMD	29



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Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Oppositional Defiant Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Panic Disorder including Generalized Panic Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Paranoid Personality Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Phobias	ED	EMD	29
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	ED	EMD	29
Reactive Attachment Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Separation Anxiety Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Somatoform Disorder	ED	EMD	29
Tourette Syndrome	ED	EMD	29
Attention Deficit Disorder, ADD, ADHD	AH	EMD	30
Bipolar Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Delusional Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Major Depressive Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Psychotic Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Schizoaffective Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Schizoid Personality Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Schizophreniform Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Schizophrenia	SM	EMD	31
Schizotypal Personality Disorder	SM	EMD	31
Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (Pervasive Developmental Disorder)	DL	MEC	32
Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise Specified	DL	MEC	32



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Chromosomal abnormalities	DS	MEC	33
Congenital malformation of the nervous system	DS	MEC	33
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	OD	MEC	34
Aplastic Anemia	OD	MEC	34
Asthma*	OD	MEC	34
Blood disorder that required hospitalization once a month	OD	MEC	34
Cancers	OD	MEC	34
Chronic Granulomatous Disease	OD	MEC	34
Cleft palate	OD	MEC	34
Coagulation Defects	OD	MEC	34
Congenital cystic lung	OD	MEC	34
Congenital heart anomaly	OD	MEC	34
Crohn's disease	OD	MEC	34
Cushing's syndrome	OD	MEC	34
Cystic Fibrosis	OD	MEC	34
Diabetes	OD	MEC	34
Disorders Involving The Immune Mechanism (code 279)	OD	MEC	34
Encephalopathy	OD	MEC	34
Epilepsy	OD	MEC	34
Fetal alcohol syndrome	OD	MEC	34
Fetal drug addiction	OD	MEC	34
Heart disease	OD	MEC	34
Heart murmur, vigorous activity curtailed	OD	MEC	34



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Hemophilia	OD	MEC	34
Human Immunodeficiency Hiv Disease (HIV)	OD	MEC	34
Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus-III	OD	MEC	34
Hypertension	OD	MEC	34
Immunodeficiency	OD	MEC	34
Kidney disease	OD	MEC	34
Klienefelter's syndrome	OD	MEC	34
Late Effects Of Tuberculosis (ICD-9: 137)	OD	MEC	34
Learning Disability	LD	MEC	34
Leukemia	OD	MEC	34
Liver disease	OD	MEC	34
Lupus	OD	MEC	34
Malignant Neoplasms (Malignant tumors)	OD	MEC	34
Misplaced facial feature	OD	MEC	34
Nutritional deficiency	OD	MEC	34
Organic Brain Syndrome	OD	MEC	34
Other Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus-III	OD	MEC	34
Pancreatic Disease	OD	MEC	34
Sarcomas	OD	MEC	34
Seizure Disorder	OD	MEC	34
Shaken Infant Syndrome	OD	MEC	34
Sickle cell anemia	OD	MEC	34
Speech	OD	MEC	34



AFCARS Definitions

Disability Data Element	Federal AFCARS Definition
Intellectual Disabilities	The child has or previously had significantly sub average general cognitive and motor functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior manifested during the developmental period that adversely affect a child's/youth's socialization and learning.
Visual Impairment and Blindness/Hearing Impairment and Deafness	Having a visual impairment that may significantly affect educational performance or development; or a hearing impairment, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects educational performance.
Orthopedic Impairment or Other Physical Condition	The child has or previously had a physical deformity, such as amputations and fractures or burns that cause contractures, or an orthopedic impairment, including impairments caused by congenital anomalies or disease, such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, or muscular dystrophy.
Mental/Emotional Disorders	The child has or previously had one or more mood or personality disorders or conditions over a long period of time and to a marked degree, such as conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, emotional disturbance, anxiety disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, or eating disorder.
Other Diagnosed Condition	Conditions other than those noted above which require special medical care such as asthma, diabetes, chronic illnesses, a diagnosis as HIV positive or AIDS, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, other neurological disorders, speech/language impairment, learning disability, or substance abuse issues.



Autism Spectrum Disorder	Having, or had previously, a neurodevelopment disorder, characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior. This includes the range of disorders from autistic disorder, sometimes called autism or classical autism spectrum disorder, to milder forms known as Asperger syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	Having, or had previously, a diagnosis of the neurobehavioral disorders of attention deficit or hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or attention deficit disorder (ADD)
Serious Mental Disorders	Having, or had previously, a diagnosis of a serious mental disorder or illness, such as bipolar disorder, depression, psychotic disorders, or schizophrenia.
Developmental Delay	Has been assessed by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures and is experiencing delays in one or more of the following areas: physical development or motor skills, cognitive development, communication, language or speech development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development.

Developmental Disability	Has or had previously been diagnosed with a developmental disability as defined in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-402), section 102(8). This means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments that manifests before the age of 22, is likely to continue indefinitely and results in substantial functional limitations in three or more areas of major life activity. Areas of major life activity include: Self-care; receptive and expressive language; learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; and economic self-sufficiency; and reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. If a child is given the diagnosis of "developmental disability", do not indicate the individual conditions that form the basis of this diagnosis separately.
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