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** |
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| 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 |
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| Asperger’s Syndrome | AS | MEC | 25 |
| Autistic Disorder | AS | MEC | 25 |
| Rett Disorder | AS | MEC | 25 |
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| 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 |
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| Deaf | HE | MEC | 27 |
| Hearing Loss (ICD-9: 389) | HE | MEC | 27 |
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| Arthritis | PD | PHD | 28 |
| 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 |
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| Attention Deficit Disorder, ADD, ADHD | AH | EMD | 30 |
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| 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 |
| Schizophrenaform Disorder | SM | EMD | 31 |
| Schizophrenia | SM | EMD | 31 |
| Schizotypal Personality Disorder | SM | EMD | 31 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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**

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| **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. |