

# Who Can Certify a Client's Disability?

Evidence of disabling conditions must often include third-party documentation, such as a signed declaration from a qualified healthcare professional. Professions addressed below are considered eligible to diagnose and treat disabilities generally. **Please note that HUD requires professionals to be licensed to treat the specific disability that they are confirming.** \*\*Please see [Addendum 1: COVID-19 Waivers](#), for information on temporary COVID-19 HUD Waivers regarding disability verification requirements.\*\*

<i>Type of Professional</i>	<b>Can They Sign Off on a Disability Verification Form?</b>
<i>Alcohol and Drug Counselors</i>	Yes, if the counselor is accredited from one of the following organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Addiction Counselor Certification Board of California, affiliated with the California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE)</li> <li>2. California Association of DUI Treatment Programs (CADTP)</li> <li>3. California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP)</li> </ol>
<i>Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCCs), and Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs)</i>	Yes, if the disability they are certifying is related to those conditions they are licensed to treat and diagnose
<i>Medical Doctors</i>	Yes
<i>Nurse Practitioner</i>	Yes, but only with consultation by a physician/surgeon or pursuant to a delegation of authority by a physician or surgeon
<i>Osteopaths</i>	Yes
<i>Physician Assistant</i>	Yes, but only with consultation by a physician/surgeon or pursuant to a delegation of authority by a physician or surgeon
<i>Psychologists, Psychotherapists, and Psychiatrists</i>	Yes
<i>Registered Nurses</i>	No
<i>Social Workers Without a Clinical License, Case Managers, Residential Counselors</i>	No