

**New York State Department of Civil Service**  
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

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**Disability Review Psychologist, Grade 25**

Brief Description of Class

Disability Review Psychologists participate as a member of various two-person disability adjudication teams in the review and determination of disability applications and payments for mental impairments under the Social Security Law at the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Distinguishing Characteristics

*Disability Review Psychologist*: full performance level; evaluates medical and psychological information on the full range of medical and psychological disability claims submitted for payment under the Social Security Law.

Related Classes

Disability Analysts 2-5 review individual claims for disability benefits under the provisions of Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act and special programs to determine eligibility for such benefits. Analysts review, evaluate and adjudicate initial, continuing and other disability claims.

Disability Review Physician Specialists review and evaluate medical appropriateness of approval or disapproval of requests for disability payments under the Social Security law.

Illustrative Duties

Evaluate the medical appropriateness of the medical determinations made in the granting or disapproval of requests for disability payments for mental impairments under the Social Security Law.

- Review disability cases, evaluating the medical evidence related to the case to determine its adequacy in supporting the disability decision made; assess the validity of mental impairments to ensure appropriate disability determinations have been made.

- Provide advice and consultation to Disability Analysts in determining the needs for consultative examinations and recommend alternate approaches to obtaining required medical evidence if it appears such examinations are unnecessary.
- Provide assistance to staff in the determination of the more difficult mental impairment cases, and recommend alternate examination approaches that will provide a more effective case determination.
- Interpret medical terminology and application of medical evidence in the determinations process.
- Develop and improve relations with those involved in the care and treatment of the mentally ill and/or mentally impaired to improve the flow of needed supportive medical documentation and to minimize case processing time.
- Provide training to staff in evaluation and interpretation of medical reports, data and examination results.

#### Minimum Qualifications

Open Competitive: Doctoral degree in psychology, licensure and current registration to practice psychology in New York State.

**Note:** Classification Standards illustrate the nature, extent and scope of duties and responsibilities of the classes they describe. Standards cannot and do not include all of the work that might be appropriately performed by a class. The minimum qualifications above are those which were required for appointment at the time the Classification Standard was written. Please contact the Division of Staffing Services for current information on minimum qualification requirements for appointment or examination.

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