**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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Division of Family and Economic Security

**Wisconsin Works (W-2) Formal Assessment Agreement**

Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s. 15.04 (1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

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| Applicant / Participant Name      | Personal Identification Number      | RFA / Case Number      |

You could benefit from a formal assessment. A formal assessment is an appointment with a doctor, psychologist, counselor, vocational rehabilitation specialist, or other professional.

**What type of formal Assessment do you need?**

The formal assessment will gather information about your (W-2 agency will check all that apply):

[ ]  Expected short-term medical condition or injury:

[ ]  Pregnancy

[ ]  Expected long-term medical condition:

[ ]  Learning needs

[ ]  Emotional or mental health

[ ]  Alcohol or other substance abuse

[ ]  Vocational rehabilitation

[ ]  Other – Specify:

**How will a Formal Assessment help you?**

The formal assessment results will help you and your Financial and Employment Planner (FEP) make informed decisions about:

* Your W-2 placement;
* Your employment goals and the activities that will help you reach your goals;
* Your ability to do training and education activities; and
* Any special services and work site accommodations that you may need.

**What is an Accommodation?**

Accommodations are changes that make it easier for you to do your W-2 activities. Here are some examples of accommodations and why the accommodation is needed:

* Giving you extra help understanding directions if you have a learning disability;
* Changing your start time if you are taking medicine for a health problem that makes you sleepy in the morning;
* Giving you a quiet workspace to reduce noise if you have a mental disability; or
* Assigning you to a dust-free work area if you have asthma or are allergic to dust.

**It is important for you to know that:**

1. You do not have to pay for any formal assessments. The cost of formal assessments will be paid for by your health insurance (such as BadgerCare), the W-2 agency, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or by another program.
2. Your information will be kept private. Information gathered from a formal assessment is confidential. It will only be used by the W-2 agency to help you in the W-2 program. If you move and apply for W-2 with a different W-2 agency, your formal assessment information will be shared with the new W-2 agency.
3. Your W-2 agency will help you complete a formal assessment. You have the right to ask the W-2 agency for reasonable modifications or accommodations to help you complete a formal assessment. Tell your FEP if you need help completing a formal assessment.
4. You can choose not to do a formal assessment. If you decide not to complete the formal assessment, you will not be penalized in any way. You will not be sanctioned or found ineligible for W-2 based on your decision to decline a formal assessment.
5. If you decline a formal assessment, your FEP will work with you to make all W-2 placement decisions and activity assignments based on the information that is available. However,
* Your FEP may not have enough information to determine if you have a disability or other barrier to participation in the W-2 program; and
* Your FEP may not be able to provide services or worksite accommodations that could help you.

**Applicant / Participant must check one of the boxes below indicating whether s/he has agreed or declined to have a formal assessment.**

[ ]  I agree to have a formal assessment. If I move and apply for W-2 with a different. W-2 agency, my formal assessment information will be shared with the new W-2 agency.

[ ]  I decline to complete a formal assessment at this time.

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| Applicant/Participant Signature or Telephonic Signature Interaction ID      | Date Signed      |
| W-2 Agency Representative Signature      | Date Signed      |