DSM-5 Diagnostic Codes and ICD-10 Codes Useful in Completing the USCIS Form N-648

Form N-648, the Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions, provides an opportunity for naturalization applicants who have a physical, developmental, or mental health disability to naturalize without meeting the English and/or civics requirements. This information is intended to help medical providers complete the USCIS Form N-648 Medical Certification for Disability Exceptions.

Advisories from the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#) give more detailed information about filling out N-648 and the relationship between DSM and the WHO's International Classification of Disease (ICD-10).

"...medical professionals must explain in detail how they used appropriate techniques to establish the impairment including the test they used, the results of the test, and the medical provider’s conclusion drawn from the test results. Form N-648 also requires the diagnosis itself. For mental impairments, doctors must provide a DSM descriptor and/or ICD code, or an explanation of why the code cannot be provided. The “DSM” means the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and current in its fifth edition (DSM-5). For diagnostic purposes, physicians use diagnosis codes from the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, published by the World Health Organization, and usually called the International Classification of Diseases, or ICD. The current edition is ICD-10. The DSM-5 does not have its own diagnostic codes but rather directs to ICD codes, based on the DSM diagnosis.”

(Excerpt: "Assisting Applicants Who have Disabilities by Using Form N-648. Understanding the Disability Exception"
Practice Advisory by Melissa Rodgers, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, May 2018)

[Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#) has 2 practice advisories which review the criteria for the N-648 and addresses how medical providers can complete a successful N-648 for naturalization applicants, and covers procedural issues relating to completing and submitting Form N-648. The first practice advisory reviews the criteria for the disability exception. The second practice advisory describes how to complete Form N-648, as well as the procedure for submitting the form. Both advisories available at: [Using Form N-648 to Assist Naturalization Applicants with Disabilities](#)

[Michigan Immigrant Rights Center](#) has produced a 5 min video (posted on YouTube) about what medical professionals need to know: “Citizenship and Disability Video for Medical Professionals” on completing the N-648. It’s a good overview of what the form is looking for: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UA8VmbpNock](#)

The list below of ICD-10 codes/DSM include select medical conditions useful in completing the N-648.

**Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

**Intellectual Disabilities (formerly Mental Retardation)**

- F70 Mild intellectual disabilities
- F71 Moderate intellectual disabilities
- F72 Severe intellectual disabilities
- F73 Profound intellectual disabilities
- F78 Other intellectual disabilities
- F79 Unspecified intellectual disabilities
- R41.83 Borderline intellectual functioning

**Specific Learning Disorders**

- F81.0 Specific learning disorder, with impairment in reading
- F81.81 Specific learning disorder, with impairment in written expression

**Communication Disorders**

- F80.2 Language disorder
- F80.9 Unspecified Communication Disorder

**Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

- F88 Other Specified Neurodevelopmental Disorder
- F89 Unspecified Neurodevelopmental Disorder

---

[Click here to see the full list of codes](#)
Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders

**Depressive Disorders**

- F32.9 Major Depressive DO, Single episode, Unspecified
- F33.9 Major Depressive DO, Recurrent episode, Unspecified
- F34.1 Persistent Depressive Disorder (formerly Dysthymic Disorder)

**Anxiety Disorders**

- F06.4 Anxiety disorder due to another medical condition
- F41.0 Panic Disorder
- F41.1 Generalized anxiety disorder
- F41.9 Unspecified Anxiety Disorder

**Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders**

- F43.10 Posttraumatic stress disorder
- F43.20 Adjustment disorders, unspecified
- F43.21 Adjustment Disorder, with depressed mood
- F43.22 Adjustment Disorders, with anxiety
- F43.23 Adjustment disorder, with mixed anxiety and depressed mood
- F43.9 Unspecified Trauma – and Stressor related disorder

**Sleep-Wake Disorders**

- F51.01 Insomnia disorder
- F51.11 Hypersomnolence disorder

**Narcolepsy**

- G47.41 Narcolepsy
- G47.8 Other specified sleep-wake disorder
- G47.9 Unspecified sleep-wake disorder

**Somatization Disorder**

- F45.0 Somatization disorder
Major and Mild Neurocognitive Disorders (NCD)

Diagnoses of dementia and amnestic disorder are subsumed under newly named Major Neurocognitive Disorders (NCD)

F02.80 Major neurocognitive disorder due to another medical condition, Without behavioral disturbance
F02.81 Major neurocognitive disorder due to another medical condition, with behavioral disturbance

Must code with additional ICD-10 code

F05 Delirium due to another medical condition
Delirium due to multiple etiologies
F06.4 Anxiety disorder due to another medical condition

R40.0 Somnolence
R40.1 Stupor
R41.0 Other specified delirium
Unspecified delirium

Pain

F45.41 Pain disorder exclusively related to psychological factors
F45.42 Pain disorder with related psychological factors

Pervasive Developmental Disorders

F84.0 Autism spectrum disorder
F84.5 Asperger’s syndrome
F84.8 Other pervasive developmental disorders

Personality Disorders

F60.0 Paranoid personality disorder
F60.1 Schizoid personality disorder
F21 Schizotypal disorder
F60.2 Antisocial personality disorder

Miscellaneous

R41.81 Age Related cognitive Decline

**Note: In DSM-5 cognitive impairments that do not reach the threshold for a diagnosis of dementia are termed mild NCD