

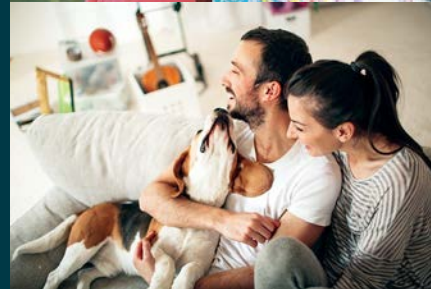
# Functional assessment of adults applying for disability benefits

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# Diagnosis ≠ Disability

# Initial Information

- Functional Assessment forms from Claimant
- Telephone conversation
- Information from Attending Physician Statement (APS)



# Sources of Demonstrated Function

- Medical records/pharmacy scans
- Information from Employer
- Publically available social media sites
- In person interviews and/or surveillance



# Correlation of Information



- Consistency of care, reported symptoms and exam findings, activity level
- Telephone conversation and/or letter with question to treating provider(s)



# Independent Evaluations



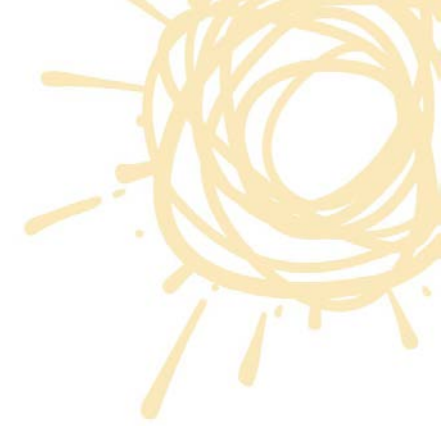
## Effort dependent



# Rationale for Process

- “Right resource at the right time”
- Lengthy training and ongoing education to allow claims handlers to identify files that need additional intervention/expertise
- Ongoing communication with claimant, providers, and internal resources to allow for earliest possible return to work





# Questions???



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