

**APPENDIX C****PRESUMPTIVE APPROVAL – AFDC MEDICAID AND AFDC-RELATED MEDICAID****INCAPACITIES OF THE SKELETAL SYSTEM**

The severity is based on physical examination, laboratory tests and x-rays.

- Ruptured disc requiring conservative bed rest and traction, or surgery. Diagnosis should be confirmed by an orthopedist or neurosurgeon.
- Simple fracture of the arm or leg with a physician's report and x-rays.
- Amputations requiring healing time and period of adjustment, with prosthesis.

**DISEASES OF THE HEART**

This must be diagnosed by medical examination, x-rays, EKG and other appropriate cardiac function studies.

- Myocardial infarction as confirmed by physical examination and EKG.
- Acute rheumatic heart disease evaluated by a cardiologist or internist and necessitating a period of medical treatment prior to returning to work.

**GENERAL SURGICAL PROCEDURES**

This must be recommended by a surgeon through physical examination and appropriate laboratory tests.

- Peptic, gastric, duodenal or jejunal ulcer requiring surgical intervention and recovery period.
- Hernia, if surgical repair is needed, as confirmed by physical examination.
- Splenectomy due to traumatic injury.
- Diverticulitis or polyps of the bowel requiring surgical intervention.

---

**Determining Disability, Incapacity and Blindness**

---

- Cholecystectomy due to gall bladder disease.
- Hysterectomy if needed in the treatment of fibrous tumors through removal of the uterus.
- Appendectomy due to inflammation of the appendix.

**DISEASES OF THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM**

This requires physical examination and laboratory tests.

- Hyperthyroidism or goiter resulting in the need for surgery or radioactive iodine as a part of the treatment plan.
- Brittle diabetes with poor control requiring a short-term incapacity period for stabilization of insulin.

**NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS**

This must be confirmed by a neurologist or neurosurgeon with EEG, if indicated, and other appropriate tests.

- Epileptic seizures that have not responded to medication and require a short period of time for medical control.
- Cerebral concussion with residual effects lasting 30 days or longer.
- Nerve injuries due to trauma and requiring neurosurgery.

**MENTAL ILLNESS**

Mental illness must always be diagnosed by a psychiatrist, and mental retardation must be established through psychological testing.

- Acute schizophrenic reaction that is expected to respond to psychotherapy and medication.
- Mental retardation with an I.Q. of 65 or less, as documented with psychological testing.

### **ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)**

This must be documented by physical examination and laboratory findings.

HIV Positive and diagnosed by a physician as having AIDS based on the patient's having a disease indicative of AIDS or a T-helper/inducer lymphocyte (T-cell) count under 400

Some common indicator diseases are pneumocystis carinii, kaposi's sarcoma, bacterial infections, HIV encephalopathy, lymphoma of the brain.