

# ASSESSMENT OF NEED FOR PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION FOR IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

 Release of Information Attached

Attending Chris Peterson	PATIENT'S NAME: Kaleb Xiong	PATIENT'S DOB: 03 / 13 / 2020
Physician's / Eddy Middle School Visual Impairment Program	MEDICAL ID#: (IF AVAILABLE)	COUNTY ID#:
9329 Soaring Oaks Dr. Medical Professional's	IHSS SOCIAL WORKER'S NAME:	
Elk Grove, CA 95758 mailing address	COUNTY CONTACT TELEPHONE #:	COUNTY FAX #:

Your patient is an applicant/recipient of **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)** and is being assessed for the need for Protective Supervision. Protective Supervision is available to safeguard against accident or hazard by observing and/or monitoring the behavior of non self-directing, confused, mentally impaired or mentally ill persons. This service is **not available** in the following instances:

- (1) When the need for protective supervision is caused by a physical condition rather than a mental impairment;
- (2) For friendly visitation or other social activities;
- (3) When the need for supervision is caused by a medical condition and the form of supervision required is medical;
- (4) In anticipation of a medical emergency (such as seizures, etc.);
- (5) To prevent or control antisocial or aggressive recipient behavior.

Please complete this form and return it promptly. Thank you for your assisting us in determining eligibility for Protective Supervision.  
(Welfare and Institutions Code §12301.21)

DATE PATIENT LAST SEEN BY YOU: October 3, 2023	LENGTH OF TIME YOU HAVE TREATED PATIENT: Since August 14, 2023
DIAGNOSIS/MENTAL CONDITION: Blind	PROGNOSIS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary - Timeframe:

## PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES

### MEMORY

- No deficit problem  Moderate or intermittent deficit (explain below)  Severe memory deficit (explain below)

Explanation: Unable to address because memory is outside of my area of expertise.

### ORIENTATION

- No disorientation  Moderate disorientation/confusion (explain below)  Severe disorientation (explain below)

Explanation: See attached statement.

### JUDGMENT

- Unimpaired  Mildly Impaired (explain below)  Severely Impaired (explain below)

Explanation: See attached statement.

1. Are you aware of any injury or accident that the patient has suffered due to deficits in memory, orientation or judgment?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please specify: I have not personally witnessed any injury or accident with this individual.
2. Does this patient retain the mobility or physical capacity to place him/herself in a situation which would result in injury, hazard or accident?  Yes  No
3. Do you have any additional information or comments? \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am licensed to practice in the State of California and that the information provided above is correct.

SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL: <i>Chris Peterson</i>	MEDICAL SPECIALTY: Orientation & Mobility	DATE: 10/3/2023
ADDRESS: 9329 Soaring Oaks Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95758	LICENSE NO.: See attached page.	TELEPHONE: (916) 892-2753

RETURN THIS FORM TO: COUNTY'S MAILING ADDRESS, CITY, CA.; ATTN: SW-NAME

Dear IHSS Staff:

October 3, 2023

It is my professional opinion that Kaleb exhibits a lack of judgement or a clear understanding of his immediate environment due to his blindness, which makes him unsafe without consistent supervision during his waking hours.

I had mentioned in my Orientation & Mobility report dated May 5, 2023, that Kaleb "...will independently travel between rooms where he knows the arrangement of furniture and doors." This is only safely possible if the environment remains unchanged, with no unexpected obstacles or hazards or unexpected change to the arrangement of furniture or other things in his home. Unexpected changes can and do occur in any environment and such changes can pose a danger such as a wet floor causing a slipping hazard, or the corner of a table that has been moved which he could walk into.

Also, a lack of environmental knowledge makes him potentially susceptible to hazards in the area he occupies or travels in. He may be familiar with the layout of his home but lacks the judgement or maturity to avoid hazardous situations or deal with unexpected changes in his environment. This lack of judgement means he cannot correctly determine if something puts him in danger of harm.

I also mention that "...Kaleb is very curious boy and readily explores things around his immediate environment with his hands" and that in the pre-school environment "When encountering objects along the wall such as on shelves, he would explore what the item was with his hands..." This can create hazardous situation in the home if he explores or touches things which could cause harm, such as a hot stove or pushing heavy computer monitor he could accidentally knock onto himself.

In addition, I state that "Outside, Kaleb freely walks on different surfaces including pavement and grass. He will follow voices when walking with his cane..." This can pose a potential danger of him following potential strangers if he is not supervised.

Because he has not reached the developmental where he can be on his own without potentially putting himself into danger, I believe that protective supervision should be provided for his personal safety and well being.



Chris Peterson,  
Orientation & Mobility Specialist,  
Teacher of the Visually Impaired,  
Elk Grove Unified School District

Current Certifications:

Education Specialist Credential in Visual Impairments from the California Commission of Teacher Credentialing, Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential in Orientation & Mobility from the California Commission of Teacher Credentialing, Masters Degree in Orientation & Mobility from San Francisco State University, Certified as an Orientation & Mobility Specialists by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals