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GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTIONING (GAF) SCALE

(The New Scale for Ration Psychiatric Impairment. Effective 1-1-05)

Consider psychological, social and occupational functioning on a hypothetical continuum of mental health illness. Do not include impairment in functioning due to physical (or environmental) limitations.

- 91-100 Superior functioning in wide range of activities, life's problems never seem to get out of hand, is sought out by others because of his or her many positive qualities. No symptoms.
- 81-90 Absent of minimal symptoms (e.g., mild anxiety before an exam), good functioning in all areas, interested and involved in a wide range of activities, socially effective, generally satisfied with life, no more than everyday problems or concerns (e.g., an occasional argument with family members).
- 71-80 If symptoms are present, they are transient and expectable reactions to psychosocial stressors (e.g., difficulty concentrating after family argument); no more than slight impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g., temporarily falling behind in schoolwork).
- 61-70 Some mild symptoms (e.g., depressed mood and mild insomnia) OR some difficulty in social, occupational or school functioning (e.g., occasional truancy, or meaningful interpersonal relationships).
- 51-60 Moderate symptoms (e.g., flat affect and circumstantial speech, occasional panic attacks) OR moderate difficulty in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g., few friends, conflicts with peers or co-workers).
- 41-50 Serious symptoms (e.g., suicidal ideation, severe obsessive rituals, frequent shoplifting) OR any serious impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g., no friends, unable to keep job).
- 31-40 Some impairment in reality testing of communication (e.g., speech at times illogical, obscure, or irrelevant) OR major impairment in several areas, such as work or school, family relations, judgment thinking, or mood (e.g., depressed man avoids friends, neglects family, and is unable to work; child frequently beats up younger children, is defiant at home and is failing school).

- 21-30 Behavior is considerably influenced by delusions or hallucinations OR serious impairment in communication or judgment (e.g., sometimes incoherent, act grossly inappropriately, suicidal preoccupation) OR inability to function in almost all areas (e.g., stays in bed all day; no job, home or friends).
- 11-20 Some danger of hurting self or others (e.g., suicide attempts without clear expectation of death; frequently violent; manic excitement) OR occasionally fails to maintain minimal personal hygiene (e.g., smears feces) OR gross impairment in communication (e.g., largely incoherent or mute).
- 1-10 Persistent danger of severely hurting self or others (e.g., recurrent violence) OR persistent inability to maintain minimal personal hygiene OR serious suicidal act with clear expectation of death.
- 0 Inadequate information

Converting GAF Scores to a Whole Person Impairment Ratings

Psychiatric impairment is evaluated by the physician using the Global Assessment of Function (GAF). The resultant GAF score is then converted to a whole person impairment (WPI) rating using the GAF conversion table below. Locate the GAF score in the table below and read across to determine the corresponding whole person impairment (WPI) rating.

GAF	WPI	GAF	WPI	GAF	WPI	GAF	WPI
1	90	26	73	51	29	76	0
2	89	27	72	52	27	77	0
3	89	28	71	53	26	78	0
4	88	29	71	54	24	79	0
5	87	30	70	55	23	80	0
6	87	31	69	56	21	81	0
7	86	32	67	57	20	82	0
8	85	33	65	58	18	83	0
9	84	34	63	59	17	84	0
10	84	35	61	60	15	85	0
11	83	36	59	61	14	86	0
12	82	37	57	62	12	87	0
13	82	38	55	63	11	88	0
14	81	39	53	64	9	89	0
15	80	40	51	65	8	90	0
16	80	41	48	66	6	91	0
17	79	42	46	67	5	92	0
18	78	43	44	68	3	93	0
19	78	44	42	69	2	94	0
20	77	45	40	70	0	95	0
21	76	46	38	71	0	96	0
22	76	47	36	72	0	97	0
23	75	48	34	73	0	98	0
24	74	49	32	74	0	99	0
25	73	50	30	75	0	100	0

Adapted from: Schedule for Rating Permanent Disabilities Under the Provisions of the Labor Code of the State of California, Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Worker's Compensation, January 2005