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Accommodation and Compliance Series

Accommodation and Compliance Series: Employees with Limitations from a Stroke

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JAN'S Accommodation and Compliance Series

Introduction

JAN's Accommodation and Compliance Series is designed to help employers determine effective accommodations and comply with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Each publication in the series addresses a specific medical condition and provides information about the condition, ADA information, accommodation ideas, and resources for additional information.

The Accommodation and Compliance Series is a starting point in the accommodation process and may not address every situation. Accommodations should be made on a case by case basis, considering each employee's individual limitations and accommodation needs. Employers are encouraged to contact JAN to discuss specific situations in more detail.

For information on assistive technology and other accommodation ideas, visit JAN's Searchable Online Accommodation Resource (SOAR) at <http://askjan.org/soar>.

Information about Stroke

Many individuals who have had strokes recover without limitations. Some individuals have temporary limitations while others have more long-term issues. Strokes can occur at any age, but are more common in people 65 years or older. Individuals who have had strokes can have short or long-term limitations that are cognitive or motor related.

Accommodations for individuals who have had a stroke vary, but for those with vision loss, technologies are available to help them overcome these limitations. These technologies may help with reading printed material, accessing computer information, writing notes and completing forms, accessing a telephone, working with money, reading from an instrument, assembling parts, driving, working with light sensitivity, distinguishing colors, and being mobile.

Hemiparesis, which is a weakness of one side of the body, is one of many residual effects of having a stroke that limit physical or motor functioning. Depending on the area of the brain where the stroke occurred, either the left or the right side of the body may experience a reduction in muscle strength. The degree to which motor functioning is limited depends on the individual and improvement in physical ability can be seen as a result of therapy and various forms of treatment. Hemiparesis can also limit an individual's ability to perform a job or parts of a job, and those planning or preparing to return to work following a stroke may need to explore accommodation options. An individual experiencing hemiparesis may have difficulty walking, standing, balancing, climbing, grasping, or gripping objects for precision or detailed work tasks, and could

experience general muscle fatigue or a lack of coordination. Depending on the type of job and the essential functions of the position, one or more accommodations may be needed to ensure that a return to work is successful for an individual with hemiparesis.

Strokes can also impact communication in a variety of ways depending on the part of the brain affected. Three typical speech and language impairments arising from stroke include dysarthria and apraxia, which impact one's control over the movements of the muscles used in speaking; and aphasia, which causes difficulty understanding and using language. Some individuals who are recovering from stroke may have undergone evaluations to determine whether they would be helped by assistive technology such as augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. This may be more likely for individuals with severe apraxia of speech that is not responding well to other treatments. They may also have learned or be in the process of learning compensatory techniques such as using a slower rate of speech or using other communication methods like typing, writing, drawing, or gesturing to support and enhance communication.

A stroke is a life-changing event that can affect an individual's emotional well-being as much as his/her physical function. Many of us know and understand the physical (weakness, paralysis), cognitive (memory, processing), and communication (speech, language) challenges stroke survivors face, but we may not be aware of the challenges faced when mood disorders occur as result of a stroke. Although stroke effects are unpredictable, mood disorders such as depression, anxiety, and pseudo-bulbar affect (PBA) are common.

In general, accommodations could include the purchasing of equipment or assistive technology for an individual who uses a computer or performs detail-oriented assembly work. If an individual uses a mobility aid such as a scooter or wheelchair, worksite and/or workstation modifications may need to be made. A restructuring of a job, either to perform essential functions in a different way or reallocate marginal functions, flexibility in breaks, and leave to seek treatment may be potential accommodations to explore. Reassignment to a vacant position may be necessary if accommodations cannot be made in the current job or if an accommodation would pose an undue hardship.

JAN's [Effective Accommodation Practices \(EAP\) Series: Executive Functioning Deficits](#) is a publication detailing accommodations for individuals with limitations related to executive functioning. These ideas may be helpful in determining accommodations.

Stroke and the Americans with Disabilities Act

The ADA does not contain a list of medical conditions that constitute disabilities. Instead, the ADA has a general definition of disability that each person must meet. A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having an impairment. For more information about how to determine whether a person has a disability under the ADA, see [How to Determine Whether a Person Has a Disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act \(ADAAA\)](#).

Accommodating Employees with Stroke

People with stroke-related limitations may develop some of the limitations discussed below, but seldom develop all of them. Also, the degree of limitation will vary among individuals. Be aware that not all people who are aging will need accommodations to perform their jobs and many others may only need a few accommodations. The following is only a sample of the possibilities available. Numerous other accommodation solutions may exist.

Questions to Consider:

1. What limitations is the employee experiencing?
2. How do these limitations affect the employee and the employee's job performance?
3. What specific job tasks are problematic as a result of these limitations?
4. What accommodations are available to reduce or eliminate these problems? Are all possible resources being used to determine possible accommodations?
5. Has the employee been consulted regarding possible accommodations?
6. Once accommodations are in place, would it be useful to meet with the employee to evaluate the effectiveness of the accommodations and to determine whether additional accommodations are needed?
7. Do supervisory personnel and employees need training?

Accommodation Ideas:

Limitations

Attentiveness/Concentration

- Applications (apps)

- Behavior Modification Techniques
- Cubicle Doors, Shields, and Shades
- Electronic Organizers
- Environmental Sound Machines / Tinnitus Maskers / White Noise Machines
- Flexible Schedule
- Job Coaches
- Modified Break Schedule
- Noise Canceling Headsets
- Sound Absorption and Sound Proof Panels
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Timers and Watches
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace
- Written Instructions

Balancing

- Living Independently
 - Bath Chairs
 - Canes
 - Crutches
 - Grab Bars
 - Grab Bars - Toilet Hinged Arm Support
 - Personal Safety and Fall Alert Devices
 - Rollators and Rolling Walkers
 - Scooters
 - Stair Assists
 - Stair Lifts
 - Swing Away Grab Bars
 - Toileting Aids
 - Walkers for Tall Individuals
 - Walkers with Seats
 - Walkers

- Moving Around
 - All-Terrain Scooters
 - All-Terrain Wheelchairs
 - Canes
 - Crutches
 - Leg Extenders for Walkers
 - Personal Transportation and Mobility Products
 - Rollators and Rolling Walkers
 - Rolling Safety Ladders
 - Scooters
 - Stair Assists
 - Stair Lifts
 - Walkers
 - Walkers for Tall Individuals
 - Walkers with Seats
- Working at Heights
 - Aerial Lifts
 - Fall Protection
 - Rolling Safety Ladders
- Working Safely
 - Anti-fatigue Matting
 - Evacuation Devices
 - Fall Protection
 - Padded Edging
 - Personal Safety and Fall Alert Devices
 - Protective Eyewear

Decreased Stamina/Fatigue

- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Anti-fatigue Matting
- Elevating Wheelchairs
- Ergonomic Assessments

- Ergonomic Equipment
- Job Restructuring
- Periodic Rest Breaks
- Scooters
- Stand-lean Stools
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Walkers
- Wearable Anti-fatigue Matting
- Wheelchairs
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace

Drooling

- Drooling Aids
- Flexible Schedule
- Rest Area/Private Space
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely

Executive Functioning Deficits

- Apps for Concentration
- Checklists
- Color Coded System
- Cubicle Doors, Shields, and Shades
- Environmental Sound Machines / Tinnitus Maskers / White Noise Machines
- Form Generating Software
- Job Coaches
- Job Restructuring
- Marginal Functions
- Modified Break Schedule
- Noise Canceling Headsets
- Recorded Directives, Messages, Materials
- Sound Absorption and Sound Proof Panels
- Speech Recognition Software

- Timers and Watches
- Wall Calendars and Planners
- Written Instructions

Grasping

- Industrial Setting
 - Anti-vibration Gloves
 - Anti-vibration Tool Wraps
 - Compact Material Handling
 - Ergonomic and Pneumatic Tools
 - Mop Buckets
 - Mops and Mop Handles
 - Motorized Carts
 - Multi-Purpose Carts
 - Tool Balancers
- Office Setting
 - Auto-dialers
 - Automated Filing Systems
 - Book Holders
 - Dental and Surgical Instruments
 - Electric Scissors
 - Ergonomic Scissors
 - File Carousels
 - Filing Trays
 - Grip Aids
 - Hands-free Telephones
 - Headsets
 - Left Hand-Dominant Keyboards
 - Money Handling Products
 - One-Handed Keyboards
 - Page Turners
 - Reachers

- Scribe/Notetaker
- Shoulder Rests for Telephone Handsets
- Writing Aids
- Other
 - Aide/Assistant/Attendant
 - Door Knob Grips and Handles
 - Ergonomic Knives
 - Steering Grips

Handling/Fingering

- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Alternative Input Devices
- Alternative Keyboards
- Alternative Mice
- Anti-vibration Gloves
- Anti-vibration Tool Wraps
- Articulating Keyboard Trays
- Book Holders
- Compact Material Handling
- Ergonomic and Pneumatic Tools
- Ergonomic Equipment
- Expanded Keyboards
- Extra Grip Gloves
- Forearm Supports
- Grip Aids
- Keyguards
- Miniature Keyboards
- Money Handling Products
- On-Screen Keyboards
- One-Handed Keyboards
- Page Turners
- Periodic Rest Breaks

- Scribe/Notetaker
- Speech Recognition Software
- Typing / Keyboarding Aids
- Vacuum Pickup Tools
- Writing Aids

Lifting

- Agriculture/Farm
 - Animal Lift Tables
 - Carts
 - Compact Material Handling
- Industrial
 - Aerial Lifts
 - Ball Transfer Tables
 - Battery Powered Lift Tables
 - Drum Handling
 - Engine Lifts and Lift Plates
 - Lift Gates
 - Lift Tables
 - Rolling Safety Ladders
 - Stairclimbing Handtrucks
 - Truck Mounted Cranes
 - Vacuum Lifts
 - Vehicle Lifts and Manipulators
 - Winches and Chain Hoists
 - Work Platforms
- Office or Retail Goods
 - Carts
 - Compact Material Handling
 - Ergonomic Assessments
 - Ergonomic Equipment
 - Height Adjustable Table Legs

- Low Task Chair
 - Stairclimbing Handtrucks
- Other
 - Drywall and Wallboard Lifts
 - Ergonomic Equipment
 - Independent Living Aids
 - Job Restructuring
 - Lifters and Carriers for Mobility Aids
 - Lifting Aids
 - Manhole Cover Lifts
 - Periodic Rest Breaks
 - Power Lift IV Stands
 - Proper Lifting Techniques
- People
 - Accessible Baby Changing Stations
 - Adjustable Exam Tables
 - Adult Changing Tables
 - Bath Chairs
 - Evacuation Devices
 - Large-Rated Wheelchair Lifts
 - Patient Lifts (General)

Memory Loss

- Additional Training Time / Training Refreshers
- Apps for Memory
- Electronic Organizers
- Memory Software
- Recorded Directives, Messages, Materials
- Reminders
- Support Person
- Verbal Cues
- Wall Calendars and Planners

- Written Instructions

Mental Confusion

- Job Coaches
- Marginal Functions
- On-site Mentoring
- PDAs, Notetakers, and Laptops
- Reminders
- Supervisory Methods
- Training Modifications
- Written Instructions

Organizing/Planning/Prioritizing

- Applications (apps)
- Apps for Organization/ Time Management
- Color-coded Manuals, Outlines, and Maps
- Electronic Organizers
- Ergonomic Equipment
- Job Coaches
- Job Restructuring
- On-site Mentoring
- Organization Software
- Professional Organizers
- Reminders
- Supervisory Methods
- Timers and Watches
- Wall Calendars and Planners
- Written Instructions

Pain

- Industrial
 - Adjustable Workstations for Industrial Settings
 - Anti-fatigue Matting

- Anti-vibration Gloves
- Anti-vibration Seats
- Anti-vibration Tool Wraps
- Carts
- Compact Material Handling
- Wearable Anti-fatigue Matting
- Office
 - Adjustable Workstations for Office Settings
 - Alternative Keyboards
 - Alternative Mice
 - Chairs with Head Support
 - Ergonomic and Adjustable Office Chairs
 - Ergonomic Assessments
 - Ergonomic Equipment
 - Forearm Supports
 - Gooseneck and Other Telephone Holders
 - Scribe/Notetaker
 - Speech Recognition Software
 - Supine Workstations
 - Writing Aids
- Other
 - Aide/Assistant/Attendant
 - Automatic Door Openers
 - Flexible Schedule
 - Modified Break Schedule
 - Scooters
 - Service Animal
 - Stand-lean Stools
 - Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
 - Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace
 - Workstation Space Heaters

Standing

- Adjustable Workstations for Industrial Settings
- Adjustable Workstations for Office Settings
- Anti-fatigue Matting
- Assist Lift Cushions
- Elevating Lift and Office Chairs
- Grab Bars
- Periodic Rest Breaks
- Scooters
- Stand Aids
- Stand-lean Stools
- Stand-up Wheelchairs

Toileting/Grooming Issue

- Accessible Toilets and Toilet Seats
- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- Flexible Schedule
- Grab Bars - Toilet Hinged Arm Support
- Grooming and Dressing Aids
- Independent Living Aids
- Modified Break Schedule
- Swing Away Grab Bars
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Toileting Aids
- Transfer Aids
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace

Unintelligible Speech

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Device
- Communicate Another Way
- Job Restructuring
- Speech Generating Communication Devices with Telephone Access

Walking

- Aide/Assistant/Attendant
- All-Terrain Scooters
- All-Terrain Wheelchairs
- Anti-fatigue Matting
- Foldable / Transport Wheelchairs
- Large-Rated Scooters
- Large-Rated Wheelchairs
- Personal Transportation and Mobility Products
- Reclining Wheelchairs
- Rollators and Rolling Walkers
- Scooters
- Scooters for Small Stature
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Walkers
- Walkers for Tall Individuals
- Walkers with Seats
- Wearable Anti-fatigue Matting
- Wheelchairs
- Wheelchairs for Small Stature
- Worksite Redesign / Modified Workspace

Work-Related Functions

Commute

- Flexible Schedule
- Ridesharing/Carpooling
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Transportation Assistance

Parking

- Flexible Schedule
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely

Stress

- Wheelchairs
- Apps for Anxiety and Stress
- Behavior Modification Techniques
- Counseling/Therapy
- Flexible Schedule
- Job Restructuring
- Marginal Functions
- Modified Break Schedule
- Monitor Mirrors
- On-site Mentoring
- Service Animal
- Simulated Skylights and Windows
- Supervisory Methods
- Support Animal
- Support Person
- Telework, Work from Home, Working Remotely
- Uninterrupted Work Time

Situations and Solutions:

A court employee was having difficulty with emotions after returning to work following an acquired brain injury due to a stroke.

She was diagnosed with pseudo-bulbar affect (PBA) that caused outbursts of uncontrollable laughter at seemingly inappropriate times. The employee asked that her co-workers be educated on PBA so they would better understand what could be viewed as inappropriate behavior. The employee agreed to talk to her neurologist about the training. She was also accommodated with extra breaks to help manage her stress, a temporary lightening of her workload, and a flexible schedule to allow her time for counseling and doctor appointments.

A customer service representative for a financial institution had long-term blurry vision from a stroke and could no longer read his computer screen.

The employer provided screen reading software for his computer so that information present on the screen and information inputted into the system would be read back to him.

A teacher had been released to return to work following a stroke resulting in hemiparesis of her dominant left side.

The individual had undergone treatment and rehabilitation, but had trouble balancing, standing, walking, and grasping small items, such as a pen. Accommodations provided included a stand/lean stool, a height-adjustable laptop tray with a laptop connected to the classroom smart board, low-tech grip aids for writing, and grab bars placed along the walls of the class and in the hallways for assistance with balancing.

An assistant manager for a nonprofit had complete loss of vision in one eye and low vision in the other due to a stroke.

The individual was having problems reading printed paper copies and emails. A portable magnifier, stand magnifier, and a closed-circuit television (CCTV) were used to magnify materials.

An automobile parts assembler had hoped to regain strength in his dominant right side following a stroke resulting in hemiparesis.

He had exhausted FMLA leave and decided to request reassignment. He was placed in a vacant stock clerk position that was less physically demanding. He was also provided a scooter to access the facility and a tablet device was mounted to the handlebars, which allowed him to access purchasing and receiving documents with one hand.

A medical receptionist was returning to work following a stroke resulting in hemiparesis of her non-dominant left side.

She had difficulty holding the phone while taking notes and typing information into a computer. Her employer provided a wireless headset and a one-handed keyboard as accommodations.

An employee returning to work after a stroke was dealing with depression.

As a result, the employee's performance was impaired and the previous supervisory method was no longer effective. The supervisor agreed to meet with the employee weekly to discuss performance and conduct issues that were becoming problematic, as well as put accommodations into place. Among the accommodations: a flexible schedule for health care appointments, a diagram to help with the flow of duties, templates to assist in report writing, and a move to an area with more natural lighting.

Products

There are numerous products that can be used to accommodate people with limitations. JAN's Searchable Online Accommodation Resource at <http://askjan.org/soar> is designed to let users explore various accommodation options. Many product vendor lists are accessible through this system; however, JAN provides these lists and many more that are not available on the Web site upon request. Contact JAN directly if you have specific accommodation situations, are looking for products, need vendor information, or are seeking a referral.

Resources

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The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is a free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the employability of people with disabilities.

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The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Labor. ODEP provides national leadership to increase employment opportunities for adults and youth with disabilities while striving to eliminate barriers to employment.

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The American Heart Association is dedicated to providing education and information on fighting heart disease and stroke. Our mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. That single purpose drives all we do.

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