

216.8C Finding of disability and need for an assistance animal in housing.

1. Upon a request for documentation pursuant to [section 216.8B, subsection 3](#), a licensee under [chapter 148, 148C, 152, 154B, 154C, or 154D](#), or a licensee of another state who is licensed under a similar law and who is in good standing with that state, shall make a written finding that includes all of the following:

- a. Whether the patient or client has a disability.
- b. Whether the patient has a disability-related need for an assistance animal.
- c. The particular assistance provided by the assistance animal, if any.
- d. Certification whether the provider-patient relationship has existed, in person or via telehealth, for at least thirty days between the licensee and the patient or client.
- e. Certification whether the licensee is familiar with the person and the disability prior to providing the written finding.
- f. The date the finding was issued by the licensee and the date the finding will expire.
- g. The license number and type of license held by the licensee.
- h. Whether the licensee received a separate or additional fee or other form of compensation solely in exchange for making the written finding required under [this section](#).

2. The written finding must be made within twelve months of the start of a rental agreement and is valid for a period of twelve months or the term of the rental agreement, whichever is greater.

3. A licensee under [chapter 148, 148C, 152, 154B, 154C, or 154D](#) may be subject to disciplinary action from the licensee's licensing board for a violation of [this section](#).

4. The agency shall create a form in compliance with [this section](#) and provide the form to the public on the agency's website.

5. The agency shall offer training and consultation to the governing boards under [chapter 148, 148C, 152, 154B, 154C, or 154D](#).

6. [This section](#) does not limit the means by which a person with a disability may demonstrate, pursuant to state or federal law, that the person has a disability or that the person has a disability-related need for an assistance animal.

[2019 Acts, ch 65, §3, 9, 10; 2024 Acts, ch 1092, §2; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §258; 2025 Acts, ch 30, §37, 38](#)

Referred to in [§216.8B](#)

Subsection 1, paragraph d amended

Subsections 4 and 5 amended