



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(Veteran's Name)

(VA File Number)

VA Helpless Child Certification Form*

I, _____ certify that my patient, _____ became
(Physician's Name) (Helpless Child's Name)
permanently incapable of self-support *prior to reaching age 18*, due to his/her diagnosis
of _____.
(Diagnosis)

Please complete the following:

This certification is based on

1) I have treated the patient prior to the age of 18: YES NO

2) **If NO:** I have reviewed the patient's treatment records for the time period when
he/she reached age 18: YES NO

3) **If NO:** state the reason(s) and basis(es) for your medical opinion. (Please Note: it is
not sufficient to base your opinion on a self-report, by the patient, that he/she was
incapable of self-support prior to/since the age of 18): _____

(Printed Name of Physician)

(Signature of Physician)

(Date Signed)

*To be completed by Medical or Mental Health Professional