



## **Accommodations Advisory on Test Takers with Health-Related Needs**

There have been several incidents recently involving test takers who have diabetes and who have attempted to take an exam while wearing an insulin pump or needed to monitor their bodily fluids during the test. These test takers were not permitted to test. To prevent similar incidents in the future, we would like to clarify our policy for test center personnel.

Test takers who wear an insulin pump do not need to be preapproved for accommodations unless the pump is especially noisy. In that case, it is recommended that testing take place in a separate room so the noise will not disturb other test takers. Candidates who require food, beverages, medications, or glucose testing materials during the test must also test in a separate room. **Testing in a separate room ordinarily requires an accommodations approval.** Testing in a separate room for computer-based tests always requires an accommodations approval so the systems can be set up appropriately.

Candidates should be permitted to access food, beverages, glucose testing materials, or medications during scheduled breaks.

As a reminder: medical aids may be necessary for the examinee to ambulate (cane, crutches, wheelchair, walker, prosthetic limb, service animal) or communicate (hearing aid, vocal cord amplifier) or required for other health reasons (insulin pump, inhaler, glucose testing materials, heart rate monitor, etc.). These examples are not an exhaustive list; there are many types of aids that an examinee may be required to use.

Should a situation arise in which a test taker needs to test in a separate room but did not realize that prior approval of accommodations was required, you should provide that accommodation on the spot if a separate room is available. You should admit the examinee, allow them to test, and notify Test Administration Services at 1-800-257-5123. The fact that a test taker with diabetes or another health-related need did not realize that accommodations were necessary is not grounds for barring them from the test center or notifying local law enforcement officials. Simply allow them to test and file an irregularity report explaining what occurred.