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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY LAW

A developmental disability is defined by the Developmental Disability Law (Louisiana Revised Statutes 28:451.1-28:455.2). The law states that a developmental disability means either:

A severe chronic disability of a person that:

- Is attributable to an intellectual or physical impairment or combination of intellectual and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the person reaches age twenty-two;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely; and
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
 - Self-care;
 - Receptive and expressive language;
 - Learning;
 - Mobility;
 - Self-direction;
 - Capacity for independent living;
 - Economic self-sufficiency;
 - Is not attributed solely to mental illness; and
 - Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated.

OR

- A substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition in a person from birth through age nine which, without services and support,

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has a high probability of resulting in those criteria in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph later in life that may be considered to be a developmental disability.