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A. Operating Policy

For each of the items under the four headings, A through D, **one** of the five boxes to the right of each item **must** be checked.

B. Operating Procedure

Complete Section I by checking the appropriate boxes.

1. Check Box 1

"Not Significantly Limited," when the effects of the mental disorder **do not prevent** the individual from consistently and usefully performing the activity.

2. Check Box 2

"Moderately Limited," when the evidence supports the conclusion that the individual's **capacity to perform** the activity is **impaired**.

NOTE: The **degree and extent** of the capacity or **limitation** must be described in narrative format in Section III.

3. Check Box 3

"Markedly Limited," when the evidence supports the conclusion that the individual cannot usefully perform or sustain the activity.

4. Check Box 4

When there is **no allegation of limitation** of this activity, or the **medical evidence does not indicate**

limitations in a particular area and no limitation would be expected, based on the nature of the illness and the rater's clinical experience.

5. Check Box 5

When there is **insufficient evidence** and either a problem in this aspect of work function has been alleged, the evidence suggests a problem, or the MC's clinical judgment suggests the likelihood of a problem.

NOTE: Absence of a rating (i.e., checking blocks 1, 2, or 3) for one or more items in a subsection in section I **does not automatically preclude** a narrative RFC statement for that subsection. **Other items** in the subsection **may be ratable** and may indicate such a level of functional loss that the disability examiner can conclude that the individual's capacity for work is severely compromised, in spite of the absence of a rating for other items.

Discussion with the disability examiner will resolve whether additional information about a subsection is necessary for a useful assessment of mental RFC.

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