

# MEDICAL EXCEPTION

## STAAR ALTERNATE 2 AND TELPAS ALTERNATE

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District Personnel Completing Form \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

If the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee has previously determined that a student meets the eligibility criteria for State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) Alternate 2 and Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) Alternate and the student is being considered for a medical exception designation, the ARD committee, in conjunction with the language proficiency assessment committee (LPAC), as applicable, must discuss the eligibility criteria below. The determination of eligibility must be made prior to the administration of an assessment. At least one of the listed criteria should describe the medical condition of the student. Students qualifying for a medical exception will not be required to participate in the administration of STAAR Alternate 2 and TELPAS Alternate for any subject, course, or domain. A score code of "M" must be recorded for all tests the student would have taken. Assessment decisions must be communicated to necessary district testing personnel.

### Specific Medical Condition Eligibility Criteria

- The student is unable to respond to test questions due to a terminal or degenerative illness.
- The student is receiving extensive short-term medical treatment due to a medical emergency or serious injury in an accident.
- The student is unable to interact with peers or educators without risk of infection or contamination to himself, herself, or others.
- The student is unable to receive sufficient or consistent homebound services due to medical issues.

### Discuss and Initial Assurances

If the medical condition of the student is described by at least one of the eligibility criteria, the ARD committee must discuss the following assurances. All three assurances must be initialed by district personnel for the student to be eligible for the alternate assessment medical exception. The ARD committee must ensure the medical exception is documented in the student's individualized education program (IEP). This form must be included in the IEP, and applicable testing personnel must have a record of the testing decision.

\_\_\_\_\_ The medical incident or condition prevents the student from participating in sufficient instruction offered at school, at home, at a hospital, or at a residential facility.

\_\_\_\_\_ The information used to make the medical exception determination reflects the student's situation just prior to and throughout the testing window.

\_\_\_\_\_ The medical incident or condition has been identified and verified in writing by a licensed physician and kept on file by the district.