



# News Release

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## **Social Security Clarifies Explanation of Proposed Disability Rule for People with Mental Disorders**

### **Public Comment Period to be Reopened for 15 Days**

The Social Security Administration announced today that it will publish a notice clarifying part of the recently proposed “Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Mental Disorders.”

In order to address some public misunderstanding, the notice will better explain how Social Security would consider the use of standardized testing when it determines disability for people who have a mental disorder.

The original public comment period ended on November 17<sup>th</sup>, but Social Security will reopen the comment period to provide an additional 15 days from the date of publication of the Federal Register notice to allow additional comment on our proposed policy regarding the use of standardized tests.

To read the entire set of proposals, the new notice about the proposed rule on testing, and all of the public comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and use the search function to find Docket No. SSA-2007-0101.

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