LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE DEFINITIONS

5. MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE –
Unable to meet minimal standards of behavior or functioning in order to participate in
daily living activities or performance of basic tasks **approximately 75% of time**. Cue – Step
by step physical gestures, pointing and demonstrations **Prompts/Coaching** - Step by step
physical demonstrations with visual and verbal directions that prompt the participant to perform
the skills and/or tasks.

4. MODERATE ASSISTANCE –
Needs constant cognitive assistance such as 1:1 cueing, prompting/coaching or
demonstrations to sustain or complete simple, repetitive activities or tasks safely and
accurately **approximately 50% of time**. Cues - Hints to help organize thoughts.
**Prompts/Coaching** – Step by step verbal directions.

3. MINIMUM ASSISTANCE –
Needs periodic cognitive assistance (cueing and/or prompting/coaching) to correct
mistakes, check for safety and/or solve problems **approximately 25% of time**. Cues -Hints
related to the task. **Prompts/Coaching** – Step by step written and/or verbal directions.

2. STANDBY ASSISTANCE –
Supervision by one person is needed to enable the individual to perform **new procedures**
**Prompts/Coaching** – Visual and physical directions that prompt the participant to perform the
skills and/or tasks.

1. INDEPENDENT –
No physical or cognitive assistance needed to perform activities or tasks.