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I'm a high risk person who has been medically mandated by My physician to self quarantine and work from home.

I have requested 3 times to work from home Since March 13, 2020 and have been denied each time I've made this request. I have been an adjudicator for over 13 years with enough experience to work independently and productively (my yearly performance reviews reflect I'm an asset to the agency).

In November 2019 I was part of a work group that worked off site to review adjudication decisions. To complete this work we were given laptops that allowed us access to the agencies mainframe and imaging network... these are the two must have systems to perform adjudication work.

I also worked with the agency when they piloted a project that allowed adjudicators to work from home with a cell phone and laptop, I personally was not part of the project but I knew several of my co-workers that were part of the project and they shared with me that project was successful for them.

I have access to high speed internet at my house along with a private office space where I can perform confidential work but the agency has still denied my request to work from home.

Currently I'm on leave at home but would much rather be contributing and helping my co-workers with the unprecedented amount of work they are experiencing.

Thank you for your time,

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