Acute Onset and Fluctuating Course

a) Is there evidence of an acute change in mental status from the person's baseline? _____

b) Did the (abnormal) behavior fluctuate during the day? That is, did it tend to come and go or increase and decrease in severity? _____

Inattention

Did the person have difficulty focusing attention? For example, were they easily distracted or having difficulty keeping track of what was being said? _____

Disorganized Thinking

Was the person's thinking disorganized or incoherent (rambling or irrelevant conversation)? Was it unclear or the flow of ideas illogical or unpredictably switching from subject to subject? _____

Altered Level of Consciousness

Overall, how would you rate the person's level of consciousness?

☐ Alert (normal)
☐ Vigilant (hyper-alert)
☐ Lethargic (drowsy, easily aroused)
☐ Stupor (difficult to arouse)
☐ Coma (can't arouse)

Do any check appear in this box? _____

If all items in Box 1 are checked and at least one item in Box 2 is checked, a diagnosis of delirium is suggested.