Valley Home Care
Valley Health System

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PATIENT RECORDS & INFORMATION

Section A: This section must be completed for all Authorizations		
Patient Name:	**Date of Birth:**	**Patient's Phone:**
Recipient's Name:		
Address 1:	**Address 2:**	**Recipient's Phone:**
City:	**State:**	**Zip:**

Request & Delivery method (If left blank, a paper copy will be provided): ☐ **Paper Copy** ☐ **Electronic Media, if available (e.g., USB)**

Fax Number _____ ☐ **Unencrypted Email** ☐ **Encrypted Email**

Email Address (if email checked above. Please print legibly):

This authorization will expire on the following: (Fill in the Date or the Event but not both. If Date or Event not filled out, authorization will expire 1 year after date of signing): **Date:**_____ **Event:**_____

Purpose of disclosure:

Description of information to be used or disclosed: Check all that apply

Description:	***Date(s):***	***Description:***	***Date(s):***
☐ Entire Medical Record ☐ Nursing Notes ☐ Physical Therapy Notes ☐ Occupational Therapy Notes ☐ Speech Therapy Notes ☐ Laboratory Results		☐ Social Worker Notes ☐ Nutritionist Notes ☐ Billing Records ☐ Other (please specify) _____	

I acknowledge that if any of the above checked health information contains alcohol/drug use/abuse and related treatment, genetic information, mental/behavioral health, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted disease, HIV testing, HIV/AIDS results and related information, and/or any communication or information regarding reproductive health services information, such information will be disclosed to the recipient identified above, and I consent to disclosure of such information.

I understand that:

1. I may refuse to sign this Authorization and that it is strictly voluntary.
2. My treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned on signing this Authorization.
3. I may revoke this Authorization at any time in writing, by sending my written revocation to Valley Home Care, Inc., 15 Essex Road, Suite 301, Paramus, NJ 07652, Attn: Quality Department. I further understand that my revocation of this Authorization will not have any effect on any actions taken prior to receiving the revocation.
4. If the requester or receiver is not a health plan or health care provider, the released information may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations and may be re-disclosed. State law limiting re-disclosure of specifically protected categories may continue to apply to any recipient of such information.
5. I understand that I may see and obtain a copy of the information described on this form, for a reasonable copy fee, if I ask for it.
6. I understand the terms of this authorization are governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and its implementing regulations, and other federal and state laws, as may be amended from time to time.
7. I can get a copy of this Authorization after I sign it per request.

Section C: Signatures – Please sign below.	
I have read the above and authorize the disclosure of the protected health information as stated.	
Signature of Patient/Legal Representative:	**Date:**
Print Name of Legal Representative:	**Relationship to Patient:**
Name of Person Other than Patient Picking up Records:	**Relationship to Patient:**

Directions for Completing the Authorization to Release Information

Section A:

1. Provide the name of the recipient (receiver) of the information. The recipient is whoever is going to receive the records. The recipient of the information may be someone other than the patient. It may be the patient's spouse, parent, power of attorney, another healthcare provider, etc. If the recipient's name is the same as the patient, just write "SELF."
2. If the recipient is the patient, provide the address of the patient. If the recipient is different than the patient, provide the address and phone number of the recipient.
3. Next check the method of delivery: paper copy, or electronic copy (USB). If you want the information faxed to your provider, indicate the fax number. If by email, provide the email address.
4. If you request your health information to be sent via **unencrypted email**, your health information is not protected from unauthorized access. If you choose to receive emails in an unencrypted manner, there is an increased chance and you accept the risk that your health information could be compromised if emails are lost in transmission, hacked by a third party or accessed by the wrong recipient.
5. Indicate when this form expires. Put a date or an event (event example: the end of my outpatient therapy), but not both. If no date or event is listed, the authorization will expire 1 year after date of signature.
6. Provide the reason for disclosure, examples are: further treatment, insurance purposes, for attorney, personal use, etc.
7. At **DESCRIPTION** indicate what information you are requesting. Please indicate the dates of service.
8. There may be a fee for the information you requested. If a fee applies, an invoice will be sent prior to release of the chart. Fees may be based on the number of pages in your chart. The fee schedule will be provided on request.
9. This authorization shall not be used to disclose protected health information for marketing purposes and/or the sale of protected health information.

Section C:

1. The patient must sign and date the form. OR
2. The patient's LEGAL representative, example: power of attorney, legal guardian, healthcare surrogate, must sign and date the form. (A spouse is not a LEGAL representative unless they have LEGAL power of attorney or healthcare surrogacy paperwork.) A copy of the LEGAL paperwork must be submitted with this request. Patients over 18 years of age must request their own records, unless otherwise legally unable to sign this authorization.
3. Please provide a copy of the patient's ID or the legal paperwork mentioned above, along with this request.

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