Valley Medical Group
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: _____ **Recipient's Phone:** _____

Address 1: _____ **Address 2:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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

☐ **Fax Number** _____ ☐ **Unencrypted Email** (see Instructions) ☐ **Encrypted Email**

Email Address (if email checked above. Please print legibly and see Instructions): _____

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: _____

Name of Physician from whom records will be released: _____

Description:	*Date(s):*	*Description:*	*Date(s):*	*Description:*	*Date(s):*
☐ Consultation Reports		☐ Medication sheets		☐ Behavioral Health Specialist (see Instructions)	
☐ Entire medical record* (*see instructions for requirements & limitations)		☐ Medication List		☐ Consultation Report	
		☐ Operative Report		☐ Pathology Report/Slides	
☐ Physical (H&P)		☐ Progress Notes		☐ EKG	
☐ Immunization Records		☐ X-Ray and Imaging Reports		☐ Other:	
☐ Laboratory Test Results		☐ Psychotherapy Process Notes (see Instructions)		☐ Substance Use Specialist (see Instructions)	
☐ Clinical test/radiology result					

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 ("Sensitive Information"), such Sensitive Information will be disclosed to the recipient identified above, subject to the requirements at Sec. 9 in the Instructions, 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 Medical Group, 15 Essex Road, Suite 506, Paramus, NJ 07652, Attn: Julia Nidetz Karcher, SVP, VHS/VMG. 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.
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 state and federal laws, as may be amended from time to time.
7. I can get a copy of this Authorization after I sign it.

Section B: Signatures

I have read the above and authorize the disclosure of my Medical Record as described in this Authorization.

Signature of Patient/Patient's Representative: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name of Patient's Representative: _____ **Relationship to Patient:** _____

ID verified by: (initials)

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Directions for Completing the Authorization to Release Information

Section A:

1. Provide the patient's name, date of birth, and phone number.
2. Provide the name of the recipient (receiver) of the health information. The recipient is whoever is going to receive the health information. The recipient of the health 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."
3. 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.
4. Next check the method of delivery: fax, email, paper copy, or electronic media. If you want the health information faxed to your provider, indicate the fax number. If by email, provide the email address.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Provide the reason for disclosure, examples are: further treatment, insurance purposes, for attorney, personal use, etc.
8. At **DESCRIPTION,** indicate what information you are requesting. Please indicate the dates of service.
9. SENSITIVE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS: Sensitive Information that may be in your record will generally be released along with any record request made pursuant to this Authorization. For example, an HIV positive test result would be released if the Laboratory Test Results box was checked, or medications for depression or anxiety if the Medications box was checked. However:
    a. A separate form is needed to release "Psychotherapy Process Notes" (specific details about psychotherapy treatment). If you wish to authorize release of Psychotherapy Process Notes and other health information, such as Laboratory Test Results, you must complete two authorization forms, one that authorizes release of and checks the box for Psychotherapy Process Notes and the other which checks the box for Laboratory Test Results. Psychotherapy Progress Notes (general progress information about psychotherapy treatment such as diagnosis, medications) may be released pursuant to the same form of authorization as other health information.
    b. If you check the "Entire Medical Record" box, Behavioral Health Specialist and Substance Use Specialist records will **not** be provided unless you ***also*** check the appropriate specialist box. If you see a Behavioral Health Specialist or Substance Use Specialist, records from these visits with your specialist will only be included if the appropriate Behavioral Health or Substance Use Specialist box is ***also*** checked off. Please be sure to include the name of the Specialist from whom the records are requested and any applicable dates of service.
    c. If you check either the "Behavioral Health Specialist" or "Substance Use Specialist" box, any behavioral health and substance use related information from the visit(s) with the Specialist would be provided with the record request. This means that if you discuss substance use with your Behavioral Health Specialist, this information will also be provided along with behavioral health information if you check that Behavioral Health Specialist box, and if you discuss behavioral health with your Substance Use Specialist, this information will be provided along with substance use related information if you check the Substance Use Specialist box.
10. There may be a fee for the release of the health information you requested. If a fee applies, an invoice will be sent prior to release of the health information. Fees may be based on the number of pages that would be produced for your request. Most requests will be sent to our copy service called MRO Disclosure Management Solutions. Their contact information to ask questions, check status, or make a payment is 888-252-4146, Option 1, Fax: 610-962-8421, or Email: requestinformation@mrocorp.com.
11. This authorization shall not be used to disclose health information for marketing purposes and/or the sale of health information.

Section B:

1. 1. The patient must sign and date the form. OR
2. 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. 3. Please provide a copy of the patient's ID or the legal paperwork mentioned above, along with this request.

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