AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

Instructions: Fill in the appropriate information in each applicable section. Sign, date, and return the form. Incomplete forms will be returned to you unprocessed. A separate authorization must be completed for each request.

Patient Full Name:______________________________ Date of Birth:________________ Phone Number:__________
Address:____

I hereby authorize: __**release information to:** __**exchange information**

NAME: Volunteer Comprehensive Treatment Center	**NAME:**
ADDRESS: 2347 Rossville Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37408	**ADDRESS:**
PHONE: 423-265-3122 FAX: 423-265-2932	**PHONE:** **FAX:**

By signing below, I hereby authorize Volunteer Comprehensive Treatment Center or agent, to disclose information contained in the medical and financial record of the patient identified above, which includes information that may be stored in a paper and/or other electronic format. However, such notes may contain information on general medical care; alcohol and drug abuse treatment; psychological and social work counseling; human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), or AIDS related complex. Including communicable diseases or infections, sexually transmitted diseases, venereal diseases, tuberculosis and hepatitis; demographic information; and treatment received at other health care facilities.

Disclosure shall be limited to the following specific information contained in my records and/or obtained during the course of my diagnosis and treatment.

The following information is requested: (patient* or legal guardian √ items to be released).

- __Psychiatric Evaluation
- __History & Physical
- __Practitioner Orders
- __Practitioner Progress Notes
- __Discharge Summary
- __Laboratory Reports
- __Immunization Records
- __Medication Records
- __Treatment/Individualized Service Plan
- __Discharge Instructions
- __Financial Account information
- __Other (specify)_______________

The Purpose or Need for Disclosure is:

- __To Transfer Client Care
- __For Follow Up Care
- __To Inform Family
- __Referral Source
- __Legal/Court System
- __To Aid in Treatment
- __For Discharge Planning
- __To Update Medical Records
- __Employer
- __Application for Provider Coverage
- __Psychological Report
- __To Aid in financial account activity
- __Other (specify) ______________

I understand that the information in my health record may include information relating to sexually transmitted disease, immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). It may also include information about behavioral or mental health services, and treatment for alcohol and drug abuse. ***State and federal law protect the following information. If this information applies to you, please (√) indicate if you would like this information released/obtained*** (include dates where appropriate):

Alcohol, Drug, or Substance Abuse Records	__ Yes	__ No	Dates: ____________________
HIV Testing and Results	__ Yes	__ No	Dates: ____________________
Mental Health Records Dates:	__ Yes	__ No	Dates: ____________________

Disclosure Format (Paper/US Mail or Fax is default if not marked.): Specify "E-mail" or other Electronic format": ____________________

This authorization is valid only if received within 60 days of being signed. This authorization will expire at the time of disclosure of requested information or on ____________ (date cannot be more than 365 days after date signed below).

- I may revoke this authorization at any time. Revocations to this authorization must be presented in writing. Revocation will not apply to information disclosed prior to receiving a written revocation.
- I understand that information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient, and may no longer be protected by federal and state privacy laws and regulations.
- I understand that Volunteer Comprehensive Treatment Center will not condition my treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits on whether I provide this authorization.

By signing below I acknowledge that I am aware of the confidential and/or privileged nature of the information being disclosed, and understand the benefits and/or disadvantage of disclosing such information. I hereby release above Volunteer Comprehensive Treatment Center, its affiliates and its agent and representatives, (including collection agencies) from all legal liabilities that may result from the release of this information according to this request. I also expressly consent and authorize to be contacted by the phone number provided (cellular or residential) by any type of voice method and by auto-dialer technology for any permissible purpose.

______________________________ ________________________

Patient or Authorized Representative Signature Date

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Print Name Relationship to Patient (if applicable).

Notice to Recipient: This authorization provides for a release of information about an individual whose confidentiality is protected by federal and state laws and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (45 C.F.R. §160-164) as well as 42 C.F.R. part 2 and 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2, and state confidentiality laws. No information disclosed from this authorization may be redisclosed without the specific written consent of the individual about whom such information pertains.