(Please read carefully before signing)

I understand and acknowledge that, as an applicant for membership, participation and/or clinical privileges (hereinafter, referred to as

"Participation") at _____ (hereafter referred to as Entity), it is my responsibility to provide sufficient information upon which a proper evaluation can be undertaken of my current licensure, relevant training and/or experience, current competence, health status, character, ethics and any other criteria adopted by the Entity for Participation.

I further acknowledge that I am responsible for knowing the contents of the applicable bylaws, rules and regulations, and requirements of the Entity and its professional/medical staff/network, and agree to be bound by them in the application process and if granted Participation.

I further understand and acknowledge that the Entity, its designated agent(s) and/or other authorized representatives, including, without limitation, the Entity's designated professional credentials verification organization (CVO), collectively referred to as "Agents", will investigate the information in this Application. By submitting this Application, I agree to such investigation and to the disciplinary reporting and information exchange activities of the Entity and its Agents as follows:

1. **Authorization of Investigation and Release of Information Concerning Application for Participation.** I authorize the Entity and its Agents to consult with any third party who may have information bearing on my professional qualifications, credentials, clinical competence, character, mental condition, physical condition, alcohol or chemical dependency diagnosis and treatment, ethics, behavior, or any other matter reasonably having a bearing on my qualifications for Participation and authorize such third parties to release such information to the Entity and its Agents.

2. **Authorization of Release and Exchange of Disciplinary Information.** I hereby further authorize any health care organization at which I have applied for, currently have or had Participation or employment to release Disciplinary Information about any disciplinary action taken against me to the Entity and/or its Agents, including, without limitation, the CVO, and as otherwise may be required by law. I hereby further authorize the CVO to release Disciplinary Information about any disciplinary action taken against me to its participating entities at which I have Participation, and as otherwise may be required by law. As used herein, Disciplinary Information means information concerning (i) any action taken by such health care organizations, their administrators or their medical or other committees to revoke, deny, suspend, restrict or condition my Participation or impose a corrective action plan; (ii) any other disciplinary actions involving me including but not limited to discipline in the employment context; or (iii) my resignation prior to the conclusion of any disciplinary proceedings or prior to the commencement of formal charges but after I have knowledge that such formal charges are contemplated and/or in preparation.

3. **Release from Liability**. I hereby further release from liability the Entity and its Agents, state licensing board(s), health care organizations, including, without limitation, hospitals, clinics, and third party payers, medical malpractice insurance carrier(s), and any staff, and all individuals, institutions and entities providing information in accordance with this authorization, for their acts performed in good faith and without malice in connection with the gathering and release and exchange of information as consented to above. This release shall be in addition to any other applicable immunities provided by law for peer review activities.

I understand that communication regarding my application may occur via email.

I understand and agree that this Authorization and Release is irrevocable for any period during which I am an applicant for Participation at the Entity, or I am a member of Entity's medical or health care staff, or a participating provider of the Entity. I agree to execute another consent if law or regulation limits the application of this irrevocable authorization. Failure to promptly provide another consent may be grounds for termination or discipline of the Participant by the Entity in accordance with the applicable bylaws, rules and regulations, and requirements of the Entity.

I acknowledge that the investigation of information in this Application and the release and exchange of Disciplinary Information by the Entity and its Agents are done to achieve, maintain and improve quality patient care.

All information provided by me in the Application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that any material misstatement in or omission from the Application may constitute grounds for denial or revocation of Participation. I understand and acknowledge that the Entity shall be solely responsible for all decisions concerning the granting of Participation.

I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing Authorization and Release. A photocopy of this Authorization and Release shall be as effective as the original.

All signatures and dates must be clearly legible or signed with a unique electronic identifier.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Name _____