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## Authorization for Use and/or Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)

*By completing and signing this form, I authorize my records to be released as noted below. All records sent by CD and email will be sent securely using encryption or a secure link unless otherwise requested. Due to the risk that information could be potentially intercepted or altered in transit, Baptist Health strongly recommends using encryption or a secure link to transmit patient records to promote the confidentiality and integrity of patient information and will only send records via unencrypted/unsecure channels upon patient request.*

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Patient Info | Patient Full Name:                   | Previous Last Name: | Date of Birth:        |
|              | Street Address / City / State / ZIP: |                     | Last 4 digits of SSN: |
|              | Email Address:                       | Telephone #:        |                       |

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| Release To / Delivery Method | I authorize my records to be released to <u>one</u> of the following:   |   |        |
|                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Myself:</b> I request Baptist Health to release my protected health information to me using the information listed above. Select delivery method below.<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other person/organization:</b> I am the patient, or the legally authorized representative of the patient listed above, and request Baptist Health to release my protected health information to the person/organization listed below. Please complete the address fields and select delivery method below. ( <b>NOTE:</b> If the recipient designates an alternative delivery method we will comply to the best of our ability.) |   |        |
|                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper via US Mail<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fax (must be less than 50 pages)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Email (please ensure email is listed)   | <input type="checkbox"/> CD via US Mail (requires encryption software)<br><input type="checkbox"/> MyChart (released to parent/patient/legal guardian only) |        |
|                              | Person:   | Organization:   |        |
|                              | Street Address:   | Telephone #:  | Fax #: |
|                              | City / State / ZIP:   | Email Address:  |        |

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| Purpose | Purpose of Release/disclosure to other person/organization (not required if being disclosed directly to patient):  |  |  |
|         | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of Care<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Care<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security / Disability<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |  |  |
|         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Use<br><input type="checkbox"/> Attorney / Legal Proceeding<br><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice System  |  |  |

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| Information to Release | I am authorizing records to be released from:   |
|                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Baptist Physician Office:</b><br>Provider Name (required): _____<br>Address of Office (required): _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Baptist Hospital</b> (specify location): _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Home Health</b>  |
|                        | <b>DATES OF SERVICE REQUESTED:</b> From _____ to _____ (if no dates are listed, default will be the past 12 months)   |
|                        | Please choose from the following options (choose all that apply). If no option is selected, we will release Package 1 ( <b>see descriptions on next page</b> )  |
|                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Package 1:</b> Key Documentation within the medical record (excluding billing documentation)<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Package 2:</b> All Documentation within the medical record (excluding billing documentation)<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Billing Records:</b> All billing documentation.<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other:</b> Please specify which records (such as lab results, x-ray reports, EKG, pathology report, images, etc.): _____ |

I understand that the protected health information released may include information relating to sexually transmitted disease, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). I also authorize release of records about my behavioral or mental health services, and regarding my substance use disorder treatment, diagnosis, and referral, if those categories are applicable to me.

Revoking (canceling) authorization: I may revoke (cancel) this authorization at any time (unless the purpose of the disclosure is marked as criminal justice system). Revocations (cancellations) must be made in writing and sent to Baptist Health Release of Information Department at the address listed on this form. Revocations (cancellations) will not apply to information that has already been released. If this authorization was obtained as a condition of providing insurance coverage, the authorization will not apply to my insurance company to the extent the law provides my insurer with the right to contest a claim under the policy, or the policy itself. This authorization will expire on \_\_\_\_\_ . If no date is included, the authorization will expire one year from the date of signature.

Federal and state laws protect the information disclosed pursuant to this Authorization. I understand that if the authorized recipient of the information is not a healthcare provider or health plan covered by federal privacy regulations, the information may be re-disclosed and no longer protected. Further, state law prohibits a recipient from making any further disclosure of test results relating to HIV or AIDS without the specific written consent of the person to whom such information pertains. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for such purpose.

This authorization is voluntary. I understand that Baptist Health will not base treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits on my signing this document.

**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECORDS: 42 CFR Part 2 prohibits unauthorized disclosure of substance use disorder records released under this authorization.** However, if the recipient is a HIPAA covered entity or business associate and is receiving substance use disorder records for treatment, payment, or health care operations, special rules apply. In that event, the substance use disorder records (or information contained in them) may be redisclosed by the recipient in accordance with permissions contained in the HIPAA regulations, but may not be used or disclosed for civil, criminal, administrative, and legislative proceedings against the patient.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM DISCLOSURES OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECORDS:** If Criminal Justice System is checked in the purpose section, Baptist Health will release information and records of your substance use disorder diagnosis and treatment to the person and/or organization indicated above. This authorization will remain in effect for the duration of your mandated substance use disorder treatment and until the final resolution of the conditional release or criminal proceeding mandating treatment. You may only revoke this authorization once the criminal proceeding or conditional release in connection with which this authorization was given is finally resolved.

SIGN

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Relationship to Patient

Date

#### PACKAGE DESCRIPTIONS

- **Package 1:** Key Documentation within the medical record including as applicable, history & physical, diagnostic information, discharge summary, operative notes, consults, office visit notes, laboratory results, test reports, and ER notes for the location, provider, and dates listed on the reverse. This does not include billing documentation.
- **Package 2:** All Documentation within the medical record including Package 1 contents along with all other contents of the medical record such as nursing notes, flow sheets, medication administration records, and physician orders for the location, provider and dates listed on the reverse. This does not include billing documentation.
- **Billing Records:** All billing documentation.
- **Other:** If you do not want all records included in Package 1 or Package 2, or all billing records, please specify which records are to be released (such as lab results, x-ray reports, EKG, pathology report, images, etc.)

**Tips for Requesting Medical Record Copies**  
**DID YOU KNOW?**

- A personal representative may sign the authorization form to request or release records if he or she has proper legal authority to do so. A minor child's personal representative is usually the child's parent or legal guardian. If a personal representative other than a child's parent is signing the authorization form, please submit a legal guardianship document with the request. Where a custody decree exists, documentation demonstrating that the person signing has authority to make medical decisions for the child under the custody decree is required. When signing as the personal representative for an adult age 18 years or older, or for a deceased person, please provide the Power of Attorney or Executorship, as applicable, with the signed release. Please include the appropriate documentation with the signed release. If you have questions about the documentation required, you may contact us for more information. Please note that for release of substance use disorder records, the patient, including a minor patient, must sign the authorization. Limited exceptions may apply if the patient is deceased or determined to be incompetent in accordance with federal law.
- If you did not specify a delivery method for records to be released, records will be released to patient's Baptist Health MyChart (must have an active Baptist Health MyChart account). The patient will receive a notification from MyChart when the records have been released. If the requester is the personal representative for the patient, proxy access may need to be granted. If release to MyChart is not feasible, the records will be printed and mailed to the address listed on the opposite side of this form if one is provided. Please note that radiology images cannot be released through MyChart. Images will be put on a CD and sent through the mail to the address listed on the opposite side of this form if one is provided. For assistance with your MyChart account contact Baptist Health MyChart Patient Support Line at 844-764-7820.
- Baptist Health strives to provide records quickly and we are required to respond to requests within the time permitted by law. Locating records and fulfilling requests takes time and we appreciate your patience. Our goal is to get you the requested records within 15 calendar days, but delays do occur. If you have any questions about the status of your request, please feel free to contact us.
- We will make our best effort to provide the information you have requested from our current medical records system for the dates requested. If there are records missing for which you have a specific need, please contact us with additional details of the provider and/or place of service. We are generally able to locate records more easily when you identify the provider and/or place of service for the requested records when you complete this form. Additional details that expand the scope of the original release must be authorized by the patient or patient's personal representative.
- If you are an attorney and submit a subpoena for general medical records, please also submit the Authorization for use and/or Disclosure of PHI form signed by the patient/parent/legal guardian or a court order signed by a judge or magistrate. Alternatively, for general medical records, a subpoena may be accompanied by other documentation sufficient to permit a covered entity's disclosure for judicial and administrative proceedings as set forth in HIPAA regulations. See 45 CFR 164.512(e)(1)(iii). Note that 42 CFR Part 2 prohibits disclosure of substance use disorder records for civil, administrative, criminal, or legislative proceedings against the patient in response to a subpoena or other legal mandate without the patient's specific written consent as required by 42 CFR 2.31, or a court order signed by a judge expressly authorizing disclosure of the patient's Part 2 records. For court orders authorizing use and disclosure of substance use disorder records see 42 CFR Part 2, §§ 2.61-2.68.