

State of New York
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

CLAIMANT'S AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECORDS

(Pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law Section 110-a)

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL ITEMS. AN INCOMPLETE FORM WILL DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR REQUEST.

Claimant's Name	Claimant's Social Security No.	Case Number <input type="checkbox"/> WCB <input type="checkbox"/> DB <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination and/or Date of Accident
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IF RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED FOR ADDITIONAL CASE FILE(S), IDENTIFY BELOW BY WCB/DB/DC CASE NUMBER AND/OR DATE OF ACCIDENT(S).

CLAIMANT IS PROHIBITED FROM AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS OR IN CONNECTION WITH ASSESSING FITNESS OR CAPABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Submit original to the Workers' Compensation Board and retain a copy for your records. *Authorization for disclosure of records for certain purposes is not valid under the law. See excerpt of WCL Section 110-a on the reverse of this form.* This authorization is effective until it is revoked by the claimant. Claimant may revoke this authorization at any time upon written notice to the Workers' Compensation Board.

**THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT PERMIT YOU TO OPEN AN INDIVIDUAL eCASE ACCOUNT
OR TO VIEW CASES VIA eCASE OUTSIDE OF A BOARD LOCATION.**

Pursuant to Section 110-a of the Workers' Compensation Law, I,

Claimant's Name

represent that I am a person who is/was the subject of the Workers' Compensation case(s) indicated above, and I authorize the Workers' Compensation Board to discuss the above-referenced Workers' Compensation Board records with and/or release a copy of the above-referenced records to

at

Name of a Specific Person, Corporation, Association or Public or Private Entity

Address

I understand that the requesting party may be required to pay a statutory fee prior to being provided copies of these records by the Workers' Compensation Board.



Claimant's Signature (ink only -- use blue ballpoint pen if possible)

Date

Failure to provide the information requested on this form will not result in the denial of your authorization, but may delay the processing of your request. The voluntary release of your social security number enables the Board to ensure that information is associated with, and quick action is taken on, your request.

Pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law Section 110-a:

3. Individual authorization. Notwithstanding the restrictions on disclosure set forth under subdivision one of this section, a person who is the subject of a workers' compensation record may authorize the release, re-release or publication of his or her record to a specific person not otherwise authorized to receive such record, by submitting written authorization for such release to the board on a form prescribed by the chair or by a notarized original authorization specifically directing the board to release workers' compensation records to such person. However, in accordance with section one hundred twenty-five of this article, no such authorization directing disclosure of records to a prospective employer shall be valid; nor shall an authorization permitting disclosure of records in connection with assessing fitness or capability for employment be valid, and no disclosure of records shall be made pursuant thereto. It shall be unlawful for any person to consider for the purpose of assessing eligibility for a benefit, or as the basis for an employment-related action, an individual's failure to provide authorization under this subdivision.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person who has obtained copies of board records or individually identifiable information from board records to disclose such information to any person who is not otherwise lawfully entitled to obtain these records.

5. Any person who knowingly and willfully obtains workers' compensation records which contain individually identifiable information under false pretenses or otherwise violates this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor and shall be subject upon conviction, to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

6. In addition to or in lieu of any criminal proceeding available under this section, whenever there shall be a violation of this section, application may be made by the attorney general in the name of the people of the state of New York to a court or justice having jurisdiction by a special proceeding to issue an injunction, and upon notice to the defendant of not less than five days, to enjoin and restrain the continuance of such violations; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court or justice that the defendant has, in fact, violated this section, an injunction may be issued by such court or justice, enjoining and restraining any further violation, without requiring proof that any person has, in fact, been injured or damaged thereby. In any such proceeding, the court may make allowances to the attorney general as provided in paragraph six of subdivision (a) of section eighty- three hundred three of the civil practice law and rules, and direct restitution. Whenever the court shall determine that a violation of this section has occurred, the court may impose a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars for the first violation, and not more than one thousand dollars for the second or subsequent violation within a three year period. In connection with any such proposed application, the attorney general is authorized to take proof and make a determination of the relevant facts and to issue subpoenas in accordance with the civil practice law and rules.

Employee Claim

State of New York - Workers' Compensation Board

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Fill out this form to apply for workers' compensation benefits because of a work injury
or work-related illness. Type or print neatly. This form may also be filled out on-line at www.wcb.ny.gov.

WCB Case Number (if you know it): _____

A. YOUR INFORMATION (Employee)

1. Name: _____
First MI Last
2. Date of Birth: ____/____/____
3. Mailing address: _____
Number and Street/ PO Box/Apartment No. City State Zip Code
4. Social Security Number: _____ 5. Phone Number: (____) _____
6. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
7. Will you need a translator if you have to attend a Board hearing? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, for what language? _____

B. YOUR EMPLOYER(S)

1. Employer when injured: _____ 2. Phone Number: (____) _____
3. Your work address: _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code
4. Date you were hired: ____/____/____ 5. Your supervisor's name: _____
6. List names/addresses of any other employer(s) at the time of your injury/illness: _____

7. Did you lose time from work at the other employment(s) as a result of your injury/illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. YOUR JOB on the date of the injury or illness

1. What was your job title or description? _____
2. What types of activities did you normally perform at work? _____

3. Was your job? (check one) ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Seasonal ☐ Volunteer ☐ Other: _____
4. What was your gross pay (before taxes) per pay period? _____ 5. How often were you paid? _____
6. Did you receive lodging or tips in addition to your pay? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, describe: _____

D. YOUR INJURY OR ILLNESS

1. Date of injury or date of onset of illness: ____/____/____ 2. Time of injury: _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM
3. Where did the injury/illness happen? (e.g., 1 Main Street, Pottersville, at the front door) _____

4. Was this your usual work location? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, why were you at this location? _____

5. What were you doing when you were injured or became ill? (e.g., unloading a truck, typing a report) _____

6. How did the injury/illness happen? (e.g., I tripped over a pipe and fell on the floor) _____

7. Explain fully the nature of your injury/illness; list body parts affected (e.g., twisted left ankle and cut to forehead): _____

YOUR NAME: _____ DATE OF INJURY/ILLNESS: ____/____/____
First MI Last

D. YOUR INJURY OR ILLNESS *continued*

8. Was an object (e.g., forklift, hammer, acid) involved in the injury/illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what? _____
9. Was the injury the result of the use or operation of a licensed motor vehicle? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, ☐ your vehicle ☐ employer's vehicle ☐ other vehicle License plate number (if known): _____
If your vehicle was involved, give name and address of your motor vehicle insurance carrier: _____
10. Have you given your employer (or supervisor) notice of injury/illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, notice was given to: _____ ☐ orally ☐ in writing Date notice given: ____/____/____
11. Did anyone see your injury happen? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown If yes, list names: _____

E. RETURN TO WORK

1. Did you stop work because of your injury/illness? ☐ Yes, on what date? ____/____/____ ☐ No, skip to Section F.
2. Have you returned to work? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, on what date? ____/____/____ ☐ regular duty ☐ limited duty
3. If you have returned to work, who are you working for now? ☐ Same employer ☐ New employer ☐ Self employed
4. What is your gross pay (before taxes) per pay period? _____ How often are you paid? _____

F. MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THIS INJURY OR ILLNESS

1. What was the date of your first treatment? ____/____/____ ☐ None received (skip to question F-5)
2. Were you treated on site? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Where did you receive your first off site medical treatment for your injury/illness? ☐ none received ☐ Emergency Room
☐ Doctor's office ☐ Clinic/Hospital/Urgent Care ☐ Hospital Stay over 24 hours
Name and address where you were first treated: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____
4. Are you still being treated for this injury/illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Give the name and address of the doctor(s) treating you for this injury/illness: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____
5. Do you remember having another injury to the same body part or a similar illness? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, were you treated by a doctor? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide the names and addresses of the doctor(s) who treated you and **COMPLETE AND FILE FORM C-3.3 TOGETHER WITH THIS FORM:**

6. Was the previous injury/illness work related? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, were you working for the same employer that you work for now? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am hereby making a claim for benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law. My signature affirms that the information I am providing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Any person who knowingly and with INTENT TO DEFRAUD presents, causes to be presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to, or by an insurer, or self-insurer, any information containing any FALSE MATERIAL STATEMENT or conceals any material fact, SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CRIME and subject to substantial FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

Employee's Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

On behalf of Employee: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

An individual may sign on behalf of the employee only if he or she is legally authorized to do so and the employee is a minor, mentally incompetent or Incapacitated.

I certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, that the allegations and other factual matters asserted above have evidentiary support, or are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigations or discovery.

Signature of Attorney/Representative (if any): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

ID No., if any: **R** _____ If Licensed Representative, License No.: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____



WCB Case No. (if you know it): _____

To Claimant: If you received treatment for a *previous* injury to the same body part or for an illness similar to the one described in your current Claim, fill out this form. This form allows the health care providers you list below to release health care information about your previous injury/illness to your employer's workers' compensation insurer. The federal HIPAA law (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) says you have a right to get a copy of this form. If you do not understand this form, talk to your legal representative. If you do not have a legal representative, the Advocate for Injured Workers at the Workers' Compensation Board can help you. Call: 800-580-6665.

To Health Care Provider: A **copy** of this HIPAA-compliant release allows you to disclose health information. If you send records to the employer's workers' compensation insurer in response to this release, also mail copies to the Claimant's legal representative. (If no legal representative is listed below, send copies to the Claimant.) Health care providers who release records must follow New York state law and HIPAA.

This release is:

- **Voluntary.** Your health care provider(s) must give you the same care, payment terms, and benefits, whether you sign this form or not.
- **Limited.** It gives your health care provider(s) permission to release only those health records that are related to the previous illness/condition you describe below.
- **Temporary.** It ends when your current claim for compensation is established or disallowed and all appeals are exhausted.
- **Revocable.** You can cancel this release at any time. To cancel, send a letter to the health care provider(s) listed on this form. Also, send a copy of your letter to your employer's workers' compensation insurer and the Workers' Compensation Board. *Note: You may not cancel this release with respect to medical records already provided.*
- **For records only.** It gives your health care provider(s) listed on this form permission to send copies of your health care records to your employer's workers' compensation insurer.

This form does NOT allow your health care provider(s) to release the following types of information:

- **HIV-related information**
- **Psychotherapy notes**
- **Alcohol/Drug treatment**
- **Mental Health treatment** (unless you check below)
- **Verbal information** (your health care providers may not discuss your health care information with anyone)

Any medical records released will become part of your workers' compensation file and are confidential under the Workers' Compensation Law.

A. YOUR INFORMATION (Claimant)

1. Name: _____
2. Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
4. Date of Birth: ____/____/____
5. Date of the current injury/illness: ____/____/____
6. Current injury/illness, including all body parts injured: _____
7. Your legal representative's name and address (if any): _____

☐ Check here if you allow your health care provider(s) to release **mental health care** information.

B. YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER(S) (List all health care providers who treated you for a *previous* injury to the same body part or similar illness. If more than 2 providers attach their contact information to this form.)

1. Provider: _____
2. Phone Number: (____) _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
4. Other provider (if any): _____
5. Phone Number: (____) _____
6. Mailing Address: _____

C. READ AND SIGN BELOW. I hereby request that the health care provider(s) listed above give my employer's workers' compensation insurer copies of all health records related to my previous injury/illness, to all body parts, described above.

Claimant's signature

(if possible.)

Date

If the claimant is unable to sign, the person signing on his/her behalf must fill out and sign below:

Your name

Relationship to Claimant

Signature (ink only – use blue ballpoint pen, if possible.)

Date

WCB Case No. (if you know it) (Número de caso WCB *[si lo sabe]*)

Al reclamante: Si usted recibió tratamiento por una lesión anterior en la misma parte del cuerpo o por una enfermedad similar a la que motiva ahora su reclamación, complete este formulario. Este formulario les permite a los proveedores de salud que usted señala a continuación divulgar a la compañía de seguros de compensación obrera de su empleador la información sobre su salud relacionada con su lesión/enfermedad anterior. La Ley federal HIPAA (Ley de portabilidad y responsabilidad del seguro de salud de 1996) establece que usted tiene derecho a recibir una copia de este formulario. Si no comprende este formulario, hable con su representante legal. Si no tiene un representante legal, el Representante de los obreros lesionados de la Junta de Compensación Obrera puede ayudarlo. Llame al 800-580-6665.

Al proveedor de salud: Una copia de esta divulgación, redactada según lo que establece la ley HIPAA, le permite divulgar información sobre la salud. Si envía los registros al asegurador de compensación obrera del empleador en respuesta a la presente divulgación, también debe enviar por correo copias al representante legal del reclamante. (Si a continuación no se especifica un representante legal, envíe las copias al reclamante). Los proveedores de salud que divulgan los registros deben cumplir con las leyes del estado de Nueva York y la HIPAA.

Esta divulgación es:

- **Voluntaria.** Su(s) proveedor(es) de salud deben otorgarle la misma atención, condiciones de pago y beneficios, independientemente de que usted firme este formulario o no.
- **Limitada.** Le otorga a su(s) proveedor(es) de salud permiso para divulgar únicamente los registros médicos que se relacionen con la enfermedad/afección anterior que usted describe a continuación.
- **Temporal.** Termina cuando se otorgue o desestime su actual reclamación de compensación y se hayan agotado todas las apelaciones.
- **Revocable.** Usted puede cancelar esta divulgación en cualquier momento. Para hacerlo, envíe una carta al (a los) proveedor(es) de salud que se indican en este formulario. Además, envíe una copia de su carta a la compañía de seguros de compensación obrera de su empleador y a la Junta de Compensación Obrera. *Nota: No podrá cancelar esta divulgación en lo que se refiere a registros médicos que ya se hayan provisto.*
- **Solamente para registros.** Le otorga a su(s) proveedor(es) de salud que se indica(n) en este formulario permiso para enviar copias de sus registros de salud a la compañía de seguros de compensación obrera de su empleador.

Este formulario NO autoriza a su(s) proveedor(es) de salud a divulgar los siguientes tipos de información:

- **Información relacionada con el VIH**
- **Notas de terapia psicológica**
- **Tratamientos por abuso de alcohol o drogas**
- **Tratamiento de salud mental** (a menos que usted lo indique a continuación)
- **Información verbal** (sus doctores no pueden hablar con nadie sobre su información de salud)

Los registros médicos divulgados se incorporarán a su expediente de compensación obrera y son confidenciales conforme a la Ley de compensación obrera.

CONTESTA LAS SIGUIENTES PREGUNTAS, EN INGLÉS SI ES POSIBLE, EN LOS ESPACIOS PROVISTOS Y FIRMA AL FRENTE DE LA FORMA.

A. YOUR INFORMATION (Claimant) INFORMACIÓN PERSONAL (Reclamante)

1. Name (Nombre) 2. Social Security Number (Número de seguro social)
3. Mailing Address (Dirección postal)
4. Date of Birth (Fecha de nacimiento) 5. Date of the current injury/illness (Fecha de la lesión/enfermedad actual)
6. Current injury/illness, including all body parts injured (Descripción de la lesión/enfermedad actual, incluyendo todas las partes del cuerpo lesionadas)
7. Your legal representative's name and address (if any) (Nombre y dirección de su representante legal [si corresponde])
- Check here if you allow your health provider(s) to release **mental health care** information. (Marque aquí si autoriza a su(s) proveedor(es) de salud a divulgar información sobre **tratamientos de salud mental**.)

B. YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (List all health care providers who treated you for a *previous* injury to the same body part or similar illness. If more than 2 providers, attach their contact information to this form.)

SU(S) PROVEEDOR(ES) DE SALUD (Enumere todos los proveedores de salud que le han tratado por lesiones previas a las mismas áreas del cuerpo ó por enfermedades semejantes. Si son más de 2 proveedores, adjunte su información de contacto a este formulario.)

1. Provider (Proveedor de salud) 2. Phone Number (Nº de teléfono)
3. Mailing Address (Dirección postal)
4. Other provider (if any) (Otro proveedor [si corresponde]) 5. Phone Number (Nº de teléfono)
6. Mailing Address (Dirección postal)

C. READ AND SIGN BELOW I hereby request that the health care provider(s) listed above give my employer's workers' compensation insurer copies of all health records related to any previous injury/illness, to all body parts, described above. **LEA Y FIRME A**

CONTINUACIÓN. Por la presente solicito que los proveedores de salud aquí enumerados le provean al asegurador de compensación obrera de mi patrono copias de todos los records médicos relacionados a cualquier lesión/enfermedad aquí enumeradas.

If the claimant is unable to sign, the person signing on his/her behalf must fill out and sign below: **(Si el reclamante no puede firmar, la persona que firme el formulario en su nombre y representación debe llenar y firmar a continuación)**

XX

Claimant's signature (Firma del reclamante) use solo tinta - preferiblemente azul Date (Fecha)

XX			
Your name (Su nombre)	Relationship to Claimant (Relación con el reclamante)	Signature/Firma	Date/Fecha

Instructions for Completing Employee Claim (Form C-3)

Please complete this form and send it to the Workers' Compensation Board centralized mailing address listed at the end of these instructions. If you need additional help completing this form, contact the Workers' Compensation Board at **1-877-632-4996**. You may also fill this form out online at **wcb.ny.gov**. If you do not have or know your Workers' Compensation Board Case Number, please leave this field blank. It is not required to process your claim. Remember to enter your name and the date of your injury/illness on the top of page two.

Section A - Your Information (Employee):

In Section A, enter your name, address and other requested information.

Note on Item 7: Board hearings are conducted in English. If you need a translator, select **Yes** and indicate the language needed.

Notification Pursuant to the New York Personal Privacy Protection Law (Public Officers Law Article 6-A) and the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a).

The Workers' Compensation Board's (Board's) authority to request that claimants provide personal information, including their social security number, is derived from the Board's investigatory authority under Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) § 20, and its administrative authority under WCL § 142. This information is collected to assist the Board in investigating and administering claims in the most expedient manner possible and to help it maintain accurate claim records. Providing your social security number to the Board is voluntary. There is no penalty for failure to provide your social security number on this form; it will not result in a denial of your claim or a reduction in benefits. The Board will protect the confidentiality of all personal information in its possession, disclosing it only in furtherance of its official duties and in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

Section B - Your Employer(s):

In Section B, enter the name, address, phone number and other information of the employer you were working for at the time of the injury/illness.

Note: Your employer is the company or agency that issues your paycheck. If you are a contractor at a work site or office, the staffing agency or vendor who hired you is your employer, not the work site or office where you report to work.

Section C - Your Job on the Date of the Injury or Illness:

In Section C, enter your job title, work activities and pay information.

Section D - Your Injury or Illness:

In Section D, enter your injury or illness information.

Item 1: Enter the date you were injured or the first date you noticed you became ill.

If this is an illness or occupational disease, skip item 2. The date you were injured must be in month/day/year format. The year should be written as four digits, e.g., 2015.

Item 2: Enter the time when the injury occurred. Check whether it was AM or PM.

Item 3: Indicate the location where the injury/illness occurred, including the address of the building and the physical location in the building where the injury/illness happened.

Item 4: Check whether this was your normal work location. If it was not, explain why you were at this location.

Item 5: Describe in detail what you were doing at the time of the injury/illness (e.g., unloading boxes from a truck by hand). This explains the events leading up to the injury.

Item 6: Describe in detail how the injury/illness occurred (e.g., I was lifting a heavy box off a truck). This should include all people and events involved in the injury/illness.

Item 7: Indicate fully the nature and extent of your injury/illness, including all body parts injured. Be as specific as possible (e.g., I strained my back trying to lift a heavy box. It hurts to bend over or hold even lighter objects now).

Item 8: Indicate if some object was involved in the accident **other than** a licensed motor vehicle. Other objects may include a tool (e.g., hammer), a chemical (e.g., acid), machinery (e.g., forklift or drill press), etc.

Item 9: Indicate if a licensed motor vehicle was involved in the accident. If so, check if the motor vehicle involved was yours, your employer's, or a third party's. Include the license plate number (if known). If your vehicle was involved, fill out the name and address of your automobile liability insurance carrier.

Item 10: Check if you gave your employer or supervisor notice of your injury or illness. If so, indicate who you gave notice to as well as if it was orally or in writing. Include the date you gave notice.

Item 11: Check if anyone else saw the injury happen. If anyone did see it, include their name(s).

Section E - Return to Work:

Item 1: If you stopped working as a result of your work-related injury/illness, check Yes and indicate the date you stopped working. If you have not stopped working, check No and skip to the next section.

Item 2: If you have since returned to work, check Yes. Also indicate on what date you started working again, as well as if you have returned to your Normal Duties or if you are on Limited or Restricted Duty. (If you have not returned to your full pre-injury or illness work duties, then you are on Limited Duty.)

Item 3: If you have returned to work, indicate who you are working for now.

Item 4: Enter your gross pay (before tax pay) per pay period for the job you are working at now. Indicate how often you are receiving a paycheck (weekly, bi-weekly, etc.).

Section F - Medical Treatment for This Injury or Illness:

Item 1: If you did not receive medical treatment for this injury/illness, check None Received and skip to item 5. Otherwise, enter the date you first received treatment for this injury/illness and complete the rest of this section.

Item 2: Check if you were first treated on the job for this injury or illness.

Item 3: Check the location where you first received off site medical treatment for your injury or illness. Include the name and address of the facility as well as the phone number (including area code).

Item 4: If you are still receiving ongoing treatment for the same injury or illness, check Yes and indicate the name and address of the doctor(s) providing treatment as well as the phone number (including area code); otherwise, check No.

Item 5: If you believe you already had an injury to the same body part or a similar illness, check Yes and indicate if you were treated by a doctor for this injury or illness. If you were treated by a doctor, indicate the name(s) and address(es) of the doctor(s) whom provided care and **complete and file Form C-3.3 together with this form.**

Item 6: If you had a previous injury or illness, check if your previous injury or illness was work-related. If Yes, check if the injury or illness happened while working for your current employer.

Sign Form C-3 in the place provided for Employee's Signature on page 2, print your name, and enter the date you signed the form. If a third-party is signing on behalf of the employee, that person should sign on the second signature line. If you have legal representation, your representative **must** complete and sign the attorney/representative's certification section on the bottom of page 2.

What Every Worker Should Do in Case of On-The-Job Injury or Occupational Disease:

1. Immediately tell your employer or supervisor when, where and how you were injured.
2. Secure medical care immediately.
3. Tell your doctor to file medical reports with the Board and with your employer or its insurance carrier.
4. Make out this claim for compensation and send it to the nearest Workers' Compensation Board Office. (See below.) Failure to file within two years after the date of injury may result in your claim being denied. If you need help in completing this form, telephone or visit the nearest Workers' Compensation Board Office listed below.
5. Go to all hearings when notified to appear.
6. Go back to work as soon as you are able; compensation is never as high as your wage.

Your Rights:

1. Generally, you are entitled to be treated by a doctor of your choice, provided he/she is authorized by the Board. If your employer is involved in a preferred provider organization (PPO) arrangement, you must obtain initial treatment from the preferred provider organization which has been designated to provide health care services for workers' compensation injuries.
2. DO NOT pay your doctor or hospital. Their bills will be paid by the insurance carrier if your case is not disputed. If your case is disputed, the doctor or hospital must wait for payment until the Board decides your case. In the event you fail to prosecute your case or the Board decides against you, you will have to pay the doctor or hospital.
3. You are also entitled to be reimbursed for drugs, crutches, or any apparatus properly prescribed by your doctor and for carfares or other necessary expenses going to and from your doctor's office or the hospital. (Get receipts for such expenses.)
4. You are entitled to compensation if your injury keeps you from work for more than seven days, compels you to work at lower wages, or results in permanent disability to any part of your body.
5. Compensation is payable directly and without waiting for an award, except when the claim is disputed.
6. Injured workers or dependents of deceased workers may represent themselves in matters before the Board or may retain an attorney or licensed representative to represent them. If an attorney or licensed representative is retained, his/her fee for legal services will be reviewed by the Board and if approved will be paid by the employer or insurance company out of any compensation benefits due. Injured workers or dependents of deceased workers should not directly pay anything to the attorney or licensed representative representing them in a compensation case.
7. If you need help returning to work, or with family or financial problems because of your injury, contact the Workers' Compensation Board office nearest you and ask for a rehabilitation counselor or social worker.

This form should be filed by sending directly to the address listed below:

**New York State Workers' Compensation Board
Centralized Mailing
PO Box 5205
Binghamton, NY 13902-5205**

Customer Service Toll-Free Number: 877-632-4996

**NOTICE THAT YOU MAYBE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEDICAL COSTS IN THE EVENT OF
FAILURE TO PROSECUTE, OR IF COMPENSATION CLAIM IS DISALLOWED, OR IF
AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO WCL §32 IS APPROVED**

WCB CASE NO. (If Known)		CARRIER CASE NO. (If Known)	DATE OF INJURY	NATURE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS	INJURED PERSON'S SOC. SEC. NO.
CLAIMANT	NAME			ADDRESS	APT. NO.
EMPLOYER					
INSURANCE CARRIER					

You may become responsible for the medical costs of treatment for your illness or condition with the provider listed below if (1) you fail to prosecute the claim for workers' compensation or (2) it is determined by the Workers' Compensation Board that the illness or condition which required treatment was not a result of a compensable workplace accident or occupational disease or (3) if an agreement is executed by you and approved pursuant to Workers' Compensation Law §32 in which you waive your right to medical benefits from the workers' compensation carrier/self-insured employer for treatment/ services performed after the date the agreement is approved. If any of the above events occurs, the provider may bill you directly instead of the employer or insurance carrier, and you will be responsible for the provider's fees for services rendered.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above and understand the circumstances under which I may become responsible for payment.

Claimant's Signature  Provider's _____ Date _____

Name and Address _____

TO THE CLAIMANT

Workers' Compensation Board Regulation 325-1.23 permits your doctor or therapist to request that you sign this A-9 notice. By signing this notice, you acknowledge your obligation to pay the provider's fees for the services you receive if it turns out that such fees are not legally required to be paid by your employer or its workers' compensation insurance carrier and if such fees are not covered by other insurance. The employer or carrier may not be required to pay the doctor's fees if, for example, you fail to file a claim for workers' compensation, or fail to notify your employer of your injury or illness, or fail to attend a Board hearing if your employer challenges your right to benefits. Even if you make all required efforts to prosecute your claim, the Workers' Compensation Board may still find that you are not entitled to benefits. In such cases, this notice advises your health provider that you acknowledge your personal liability for payment of his/her bills.

Workers' Compensation Law Section 32

The A-9 notice also covers instances in which a claimant with an existing valid workers' compensation case comes to an agreement with his/her employer or its insurance carrier settling his/her case in accordance with Section 32 of the Workers' Compensation Law. A Section 32 agreement may include a provision which relieves the employer or carrier of the liability to pay future medical bills associated with the case. Your health care provider may ask you to sign this A-9 notice to insure that you acknowledge your personal liability for payment of his/her bills if you have waived your right to future medical benefits under a Section 32 agreement.

If you have any questions, contact your attorney or licensed hearing representative, if you have one. You may also contact your local district office of the Workers' Compensation Board.

TO THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

This notice is meant to advise the workers' compensation claimant that he/she may be responsible for payment. Failure of the claimant to sign this form does not relieve the provider of the obligation to treat the claimant, nor does it negate the claimant's responsibility for payment.

Keep the original of this form for your records and give a copy to the claimant. **Do not file with the Workers' Compensation Board.** You will receive Notices of Decisions in which the compensability of a claim, authorization of treatment, or payment of medical bills is included. You will also be notified if the claimant submits a Section 32 Agreement with the Board for approval. Do not bill the claimant unless and until you receive a Board decision finding that 1) claimant failed to prosecute the claim, or 2) the claim is denied, or 3) the treatment is not causally related to the work injury, or 4) a Section 32 agreement relieving the carrier of liability for medical treatment is approved.

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INFORMATION SHEET AND INFORMED CONSENT

KETAN D VORA DO, I firmly believe that “every human being has the right to determine what shall be done with his own body.” During the course of your treatment and evaluation with **KETAN D VORA DO,** you may be subjected to a number of different types of tests and treatments. It is our responsibility to explain the nature and purpose of these as well as know risks, benefits and alternatives. Listed below is a brief summary.

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is an Imaging technique, which uses electromagnetic forces, not potentially harmful radiation. It is generally safe but should not be performed in Individuals who have a **PACEMAKER** or **METAL** in their body from a previous surgery or injury. **MRI WITH CONTRAST** is performed with intravenous administration of a contrast agent. Allergic reaction or mild side effects are possible. If you have known allergies, please inform your doctor of them. Claustrophobic individuals should discuss the possibility of sedation or other alternatives to MRI with the doctor prior to scheduling this test.

BAER (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) is an electro diagnostic test, which evaluates the auditory and vestibular system delivering a series of “clicks” in each ear performs it.

VER (Visual Evoked Response) is an electro diagnostic test which evaluates the visual system. Delivering a series of light flashes performs it.

SSEP (Somato Sensory Evoked Potentials) is an electro diagnostic test which measures the condition of impulses from the arms and/or legs, through the spinal cord to the brain. It requires a small electrical current but is not painful.

NCV (Nerve Conduction velocity) is an electro diagnostic test, which measures the condition of impulses in the peripheral nerves of the arms and/or legs. It requires a slightly stronger electrical impulse than the SSEP, but both the NCV and SSEP are generally safe and well tolerated.

EEG (ElectroEncephaloGram) is an electro diagnostic test, which records the brain’s electrical activity. No electrical current is delivered by the machine. This test can be performed either with paste or small needle electrodes.

DOPPLER (carotid/Trans cranial/Arterial Doppler study) is a test which uses ultrasound to detect the rate of flow inside blood vessels.

PHYSICAL THERAPY is a treatment program which is individually designed to relieve pain, rehabilitate injured tissue, and restore function ability. Various modalities may be utilized including massage, electrical stimulation, ultrasound, traction etc; the physical therapist will further explain the treatment plan for you. Physical therapy may result in increased soreness and discomfort. Initially since injured tissue is being rehabilitated. This should improve as the healing process occurs. If you are experiencing significant or ongoing pain, please bring this to the attention of your therapist or doctor.

EMG (Electromyography) is an electrodiagnostic test which detects muscle and nerve damage. It requires placement of a thin needle in various muscles. In general, it is a safe and well-tolerated procedure although there is a small risk of bleeding, Infection, and damage to adjacent structures. If you have a bleeding disorder or take anticoagulants like Coumadin, please bring this to the attention of the doctor.

INJECTION THERAPY consists of administration of local anesthetics (such as Lidocaine) and/or steroids (such as Cortisone). These medications are Injected into the appropriate location (such as a joint trigger point, nerve or epidural space) to relieve pain and promote healing. In general, these procedures are safe and well tolerated although there is a risk of bleeding, infection, and damage to adjacent structures. Furthermore, potential side effects of local anesthetics include dizziness, drowsiness, allergic reaction, low blood pressure, and slow heart rate. Potential side effects of steroids include retention, ulcers, and increased blood sugar. These side effects usually occur with long-term administration or over-dosage. Injection therapy is effective since the medication is delivered directly to the injured tissue, lower doses are required, and there are fewer systemic side effects.

MEDICATIONS may be prescribed. All drugs have potential side effects and interactions. Your doctor will discuss these with you and if medications are prescribed.

I understand the risks and benefits of the treatment and evaluation protocol, which has been prescribed. If not, they have been further clarified by a **Ketan D. Vora, DO,** staff MEMBER. Furthermore, I have read and understood the patient bill of rights and responsibility posted at the reception Desk.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE:  _____

DATE: _____

**New Patient Consent to Use and Disclosure of Health Information
For Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations**

I, _____, understand that as part of my health care, Ketan D. Vora D.O and Non-Surgical Orthopedics of New Jersey P.C. originates and maintains paper and/or electronic records describing my health history, symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and any plans for future care or treatment. I understand that this information serves as:

- ❖ A basis for planning my care and treatment,
- ❖ A means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to my care,
- ❖ A source of information for applying my diagnosis and surgical information to my bill,
- ❖ A means by which a third-party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided, and
- ❖ A tool for routine healthcare operations such as assessing quality and reviewing the competence of healthcare professionals.

I understand and have been provided with a ***Notice of Information Practices*** that provides a more complete description of information uses and disclosures. I understand that I have the following rights and privileges:

- ❖ The right to review the notice prior to signing this consent,
- ❖ The right to object to the use of my health information for directory purposes, and
- ❖ The right to request restrictions as to how my health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations

I understand that Ketan D. Vora D.O and Non-Surgical Orthopedics of New Jersey P.C. is required to agree to the restrictions requested. I understand that I may revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent that the organization has already taken action in reliance thereon. I also understand that by refusing to sign this consent or revoking this consent, this organization may refuse to treat me as permitted by Section 164.506 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I further understand that Ketan D. Vora D.O and Non-Surgical Orthopedics of New Jersey P.C. reserve the right to change their notice and practices and prior to implementation, in accordance with Section 164.520 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Should Ketan D. Vora D.O and Non-Surgical Orthopedics of New Jersey P.C. change their notice, they will send a copy of any revised notice to the address I've provided (whether US mail or, if I agree, email).

I wish to have the following restrictions to the use or disclosure of my health information:

I understand that as part of this organization's treatment, payment, or health care operations, it may become necessary to disclose my protected health information to another entity, and I consent to such disclosures for these permitted uses, including disclosures via fax.

I fully understand and accept the terms of this consent.

Patient's Signature

Date

KETAN D. VORA, DO

FEE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL PROVIDER NAME HERE

PATIENT: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

TREATMENT DATES: _____

ACCIDENT DATE: _____

I, the above noted Patient, do hereby authorize and direct my present and any future attorney to honor this fee guarantee agreement. This agreement is made in favor of the above named Medical Provider and shall be termed a "Letter of Protection." The Letter of Protection shall serve to place a continuing lien on any proceeds I recover in any legal action related to the above noted accident date.

Consideration: In consideration of the medical treatment provided and time provided to pay for said medical treatment, I hereby grant a direct lien on any and all funds I may recover in any legal action related to the above accident date.

Protection of Outstanding Charges: The above named Patient hereby agrees that if s/he recovers any money from any person or entity in connection with any legal action related to the above noted accident date, the Patient shall withhold from those funds, sufficient money pay the full outstanding balance of any bill(s) owed to the above named Medical Provider for treatment or any work completed in relation to the above noted accident date. Those funds shall be deducted prior to any other party removing funds for any reason, including but not limited to attorney's fees, costs, other court fees, or any other bill or lien whatsoever. Patient hereby directs their present and/or future attorney to pay said outstanding medical bill in connection with the above noted treatment. This agreement shall obligate each attorney who represents the above named patient in any way and recovers any funds related to the above noted accident date and creates a constructive trust with said attorney. Further, this agreement shall extend pay any outstanding balance for any copies, costs or reports the above named Medical Provider endures in relation to any legal issue for the above accident date. The Patient hereby agrees to waive any rights they have, under contract, law or equity, to have the Medical Provider bill a third party entity, including but not limited to any contracted payer, health insurer or government payer and further desires to pay for the medical treatments through the legal action's proceeds.

Patient Responsibility: It is the Patient's responsibility to advise each and every attorney of the existence of this agreement. Further the Patient must advise the above named Medical Provider at reasonable intervals the status of the legal case. It is also the Patient's responsibility to advise the Medical Provider within 5 days of legal matter collecting any funds and to request a bill for any and all outstanding charges. The Patient hereby directs **their** present attorney and any future attorney to advise the Medical Provider, as soon as possible, about any funds related to the accident case becoming available to the above named Patient. Further, if the legal action fails to fully pay the Medical Provider's outstanding balance(s) then the remaining amounts are to be paid by the Patient. The Medical Provider may, at his/her discretion at any time, bill any third party payer or government payer.

Disputes: If there is a dispute over the Medical Provider's outstanding charges the Patient agrees to submit the full amount due to the Medical Provider and agrees to bring an action in New Jersey State Court for recovery of the disputed difference. If the Patient fails to pay the Medical Provider's full outstanding balance, and thereafter Medical Provider brings suit to collect said sums, Medical Provider shall then have the right to recover attorney fees and costs for bringing an action to enforce this particular provision.

Approval Required: This agreement becomes effective when the Patient signs the agreement below. This agreement does not need the approval of any present or future attorney for the Patient.

The parties agree that no party shall be considered the drafting party to this contract.

DATED: _____ :



PATIENT SIGNATURE

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PURSUANT TO HIPAA**

[This form has been approved by the New York State Department of Health]

Patient Name	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
Patient Address		

I, or my authorized representative, request that health information regarding my care and treatment be released as set forth on this form: In accordance with New York State Law and the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), I understand that:

1. This authorization may include disclosure of information relating to **ALCOHOL** and **DRUG ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**, except psychotherapy notes, and **CONFIDENTIAL HIV* RELATED INFORMATION** only if I place my initials on the appropriate line in Item 9(a). In the event the health information described below includes any of these types of information, and I initial the line on the box in Item 9(a), I specifically authorize release of such information to the person(s) indicated in Item 8.
2. If I am authorizing the release of HIV-related, alcohol or drug treatment, or mental health treatment information, the recipient is prohibited from redisclosing such information without my authorization unless permitted to do so under federal or state law. I understand that I have the right to request a list of people who may receive or use my HIV-related information without authorization. If I experience discrimination because of the release or disclosure of HIV-related information, I may contact the New York State Division of Human Rights at (212) 480-2493 or the New York City Commission of Human Rights at (212) 306-7450. These agencies are responsible for protecting my rights.
3. I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by writing to the health care provider listed below. I understand that I may revoke this authorization except to the extent that action has already been taken based on this authorization.
4. I understand that signing this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned upon my authorization of this disclosure.
5. Information disclosed under this authorization might be redisclosed by the recipient (except as noted above in Item 2), and this redisclosure may no longer be protected by federal or state law.
6. **THIS AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE YOU TO DISCUSS MY HEALTH INFORMATION OR MEDICAL CARE WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN THE ATTORNEY OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SPECIFIED IN ITEM 9 (b).**

7. Name and address of health provider or entity to release this information:

8. Name and address of person(s) or category of person to whom this information will be sent:

9(a). Specific information to be released:

- ☐ Medical Record from (insert date) _____ to (insert date) _____
- ☐ Entire Medical Record, including patient histories, office notes (except psychotherapy notes), test results, radiology studies, films, referrals, consults, billing records, insurance records, and records sent to you by other health care providers.
- ☐ Other: _____ Include: (Indicate by Initialing)

_____ **Alcohol/Drug Treatment**
_____ **Mental Health Information**
_____ **HIV-Related Information**

Authorization to Discuss Health Information

(b) ☐ By initialing here _____ I authorize _____
Initials Name of individual health care provider
to discuss my health information with my attorney, or a governmental agency, listed here:

(Attorney/Firm Name or Governmental Agency Name)

10. Reason for release of information:

- ☐ At request of individual
☐ Other:

11. Date or event on which this authorization will expire:

12. If not the patient, name of person signing form:

13. Authority to sign on behalf of patient:

All items on this form of the form. _____ questions about this form have been answered. In addition, I have been provided a

Signature of patient or representative authorized by law.

Date: _____

* **Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes AIDS. The New York State Public Health Law protects information which reasonably could identify someone as having HIV symptoms or infection and information regarding a person's contacts.**