



**VERIFICATION:** We are required to verify you have the authority to sign this form. You will need to provide picture identification, like a California state ID or a California driver's license. (See County HIPAA Privacy Rule Policy and Procedures for other acceptable forms of identification). You are required to attach a copy of the picture identification or present it in person.

**VERIFICATION for Personal Representative:** If the signer is a guardian or legal custodian of an adult, minor, emancipated minor or a representative of a deceased client and is authorized by state law to act on behalf of the individual in making decisions about health care, a copy of the legal authority (guardianship or custody order) must be attached to this form. If the signer is a personal representative that does not have the legal authority, the patient must provide documentation in writing appointing this person as a representative and this documentation must be attached.

**General Medical Records:** Re-disclosure of these records is not allowed unless another authorization is obtained from you, or unless such disclosure is specifically required or permitted by federal or state law.

**HIV, Alcohol and Drug, and Mental Health Treatment:** These records are protected under federal or state law and cannot be disclosed without your written authorization unless otherwise provided. All HIV test information released must be labeled with a statement that: "This information may not be disclosed to any one without the specific written authorization of the individual."

This authorization is voluntary. The client's health information may be protected under federal or state confidentiality laws. These federal or state laws may not apply to the person or organization receiving the information being shared. The client may choose not to sign this authorization and this will not affect their ability to obtain treatment or payment or my current eligibility for health care benefits. However, if this information is necessary to determine if client is eligible to enroll in the Sacramento County Health program, the client may not be able to show they qualify for these services.

**(If applicable)** Client understands that County of Sacramento has been asked to provide a health care service (such as a test or evaluation) only for the purpose of being able to provide that information to someone else, and if client chooses not to authorize the disclosure of that information to the other person, then County of Sacramento may not provide that health care service to the client.

**VALID AUTHORIZATION: THIS AUTHORIZATION IS NOT VALID IF:**

The authorization is missing the elements described below:

- A description of the information to be used or disclosed that identifies the information in a specific and meaningful fashion.
- The name or other specific identification of the person authorized to make the requested use or disclosure.
- The name or other specific identification of the person(s) or class of persons to whom the covered entity may make the requested use or disclosure.
- A description of each purpose of the requested use or disclosure. The statement "at the request of the individual" is a sufficient description of the purpose when an individual initiates the authorization and does not, or elects not to, provide a statement of the purpose.
- A specific expiration date not to exceed one year from the client's signature.
- Signature of the client or client's personal representative and date.

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