

Section III – Standard Authorization, Attestation and Release (Not for Use for Employment Purposes)

I understand and agree that, as part of the credentialing application process for participation and/or clinical privileges (hereinafter, referred to as "Participation") at or with

(PLEASE INDICATE MANAGED CARE COMPANY(S) OR HOSPITAL(S) TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING) (HEREINAFTER, INDIVIDUALLY REFERRED TO AS THE "ENTITY")

and any of the Entity's affiliated entities, I am required to provide sufficient and accurate information for a proper evaluation of my current licensure, relevant training and/or experience, clinical competence, health status, character, ethics, and any other criteria used by the Entity for determining initial and ongoing eligibility for Participation. Each Entity and its representatives, employees, and agent(s) acknowledge that the information obtained relating to the application process will be held confidential to the extent permitted by law.

I acknowledge that each Entity has its own criteria for acceptance, and I may be accepted or rejected by each independently. I further acknowledge and understand that my cooperation in obtaining information and my consent to the release of information do not guarantee that any Entity will grant me clinical privileges or contract with me as a provider of services. I understand that my application for Participation with the Entity is not an application for employment with the Entity and that acceptance of my application by the Entity will not result in my employment by the Entity.

For Hospital Credentialing. I consent to appear for an interview with the credentials committee, medical staff executive committee, or other representatives of the medical staff, hospital administration or the governing board, if required or requested. As a medical staff member, I pledge to provide continuous care for my patients. I have been informed of existing hospital bylaws, rules and regulations, and policies regarding the application process, and I agree that as a medical staff member, I will be bound by them.

Authorization of Investigation Concerning Application for Participation. I authorize the following individuals including, without limitation, the Entity, its representatives, employees, and/or designated agent(s); the Entity's affiliated entities and their representatives, employees, and/or designated agents; and the Entity's designated professional credentials verification organization (collectively referred to as "Agents"), to investigate information, which includes both oral and written statements, records, and documents, concerning my application for Participation. I agree to allow the Entity and/or its Agent(s) to inspect all records and documents relating to such an investigation.

Authorization of Third-Party Sources to Release Information Concerning Application for Participation. I authorize any third party, including, but not limited to, individuals, agencies, medical groups responsible for credentials verification, corporations, companies, employers, former employers, hospitals, health plans, health maintenance organizations, managed care organizations, law enforcement or licensing agencies, insurance companies, educational and other institutions, military services, medical credentialing and accreditation agencies, professional medical societies, the Federation of State Medical Boards, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and the Health Care Integrity and Protection Data Bank, to release to the Entity and/or its Agent(s), information, including otherwise privileged or confidential information, concerning my professional qualifications, credentials, clinical competence, quality assurance and utilization data, 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 in, or with, the Entity. I authorize my current and past professional liability carrier(s) to release my history of claims that have been made and/or are currently pending against me. I specifically waive written notice from any entities and individuals who provide information based upon this Authorization, Attestation and Release.

Authorization of Release and Exchange of Disciplinary Information. I hereby further authorize any third party at which I currently have Participation or had Participation and/or each third party's agents to release "Disciplinary Information," as defined below, to the Entity and/or its Agent(s). I hereby further authorize the Agent(s) to release Disciplinary Information about any disciplinary action taken against me to its participating Entities at which I have Participation, and as may be otherwise 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 action 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 were being (or are being) contemplated and/or were (or are) in preparation.

Release from Liability. I release from all liability and hold harmless any Entity, its Agent(s), and any other third party for their acts performed in good faith and without malice unless such acts are due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Entity, its Agent(s), or other third party in connection with the gathering, release and exchange of, and reliance upon, information used in accordance with this Authorization, Attestation and Release. I further agree not to sue any Entity, any Agent(s), or any other third

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party for their acts, defamation or any other claims based on statements made in good faith and without malice or misconduct of such Entity, Agent(s) or third party in connection with the credentialing process. This release shall be in addition to, and in no way shall limit, any other applicable immunities provided by law for peer review and credentialing activities.

In this Authorization, Attestation and Release, all references to the Entity, its Agent(s), and/or other third party include their respective employees, directors, officers, advisors, counsel, and agents. The Entity or any of its affiliates or agents retains the right to allow access to the application information for purposes of a credentialing audit to customers and/or their auditors to the extent required in connection with an audit of the credentialing processes and provided that the customer and/or their auditor executes an appropriate confidentiality agreement. I understand and agree that this Authorization, Attestation and Release is irrevocable for any period during which I am an applicant for Participation at an Entity, a member of an Entity's medical or health care staff, or a participating provider of an Entity. I agree to execute another form of consent if law or regulation limits the application of this irrevocable authorization. I understand that my failure to promptly provide another consent may be grounds for termination or discipline by the Entity in accordance with the applicable bylaws, rules, and regulations, and requirements of the Entity, or grounds for my termination of Participation at or with the Entity. I agree that information obtained in accordance with the provisions of this Authorization, Attestation and Release is not and will not be a violation of my privacy.

I certify that all information provided by me in my application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I will notify the Entity and/or its Agent(s) within 10 days of any material changes to the information I have provided in my application or authorized to be released pursuant to the credentialing process. I understand that corrections to the application are permitted at any time prior to a determination of Participation by the Entity, and must be submitted on-line or in writing, and must be dated and signed by me (may be a written or an electronic signature). I understand and agree that any material misstatement or omission in the application may constitute grounds for withdrawal of the application from consideration; denial or revocation of Participation; and/or immediate suspension or termination of Participation. This action may be disclosed to the Entity and/or its Agent(s).

I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing Authorization, Attestation and Release. I understand and agree that a facsimile or photocopy of this Authorization, Attestation and Release shall be as effective as the original.

SIGNATURE

NAME (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Last 4 digits of SSN or NPI (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

Required Attachments or Supplemental Information – Please attach hard copy or scanned documents of the following:

- Copy of DEA or state DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate
- Copy of other Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration Certificate(s)
- Copy of current professional liability insurance policy face sheet, showing expiration dates, limits and applicant's name
- Copies of IRS W-9s for verification of each tax identification number used
- Copy of workers compensation certificate of coverage, if applicable
- Copy of CLIA certifications, if applicable
- Copies of radiology certifications, if applicable
- Copy of DD214, record of military service, if applicable

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Notice About Certain Information Laws and Practices Pertaining to State Governmental Bodies (i.e. State Hospitals)

With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information that a state governmental body collects about you (i.e. a state hospital). Under sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you have a right to review or receive copies of information about yourself, including private information. However the state governmental body may withhold information for reasons other than to protect your right to privacy. Under section 559.004 of the Texas Government Code, you are entitled to request that the state governmental body correct information that it has about you that is incorrect. For information about the procedure and costs for obtaining information, please contact the appropriate state governmental body to which you have submitted this application.