

Authorization to Use or Disclose Member Protected Health Information

This form is used to authorize the release, use or disclosure of the Confidential Protected Health Information of an Affinity member, as required by state and federal law (including HIPAA). It allows Affinity to release the information to specified individuals or entities, for specific purposes, for a specific period of time. Note that incomplete forms may not be processed and additional information may be required.

1. Member/ Insured Information: (please complete all fields)		
Member's Name (Last, First): _____	If minor, Guardian's name: _____	
Member ID#: _____	Date of Birth: _____	Social Security #: _____
Street Address: _____	Phone #: _____	
2. Recipient Information: <i>Provide information about the individual or entity being authorized to receive the member's health information</i>		
Name : _____		
Address: _____	Phone #: _____	Fax #: _____
3. Purpose of this Authorization: <i>The reason for this disclosure request</i>		
_____ _____		
4. Protected Member Information to be released or disclosed: <i>check all that apply</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL INFORMATION: includes clinical (diagnosis, treatment), claims, billing, and coverage <input type="checkbox"/> LIMITED INFORMATION: (specify) _____		
<i>The following information requires special authorization to disclose. Check and initial your selection(s).</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental/Behavioral Health _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Substance Use _____	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Health/ Sexually Transmitted Disease _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Genetic Testing _____	
5. Length of Authorization: Indicate when this authorization should end (expire).		
<input type="checkbox"/> This authorization should end on the following <u>date</u> : _____ <input type="checkbox"/> This authorization should end upon the following <u>event</u> : _____		
<i>If no ending date or event is specified, this authorization will expire 24 months from the date signed. The authorization can be revoked (cancelled) in writing at any time.</i>		

6. Signature: The member or his/her personal representative (a person legally authorized to act on the member's behalf) must sign this authorization for it to be valid. A parent or guardian must sign for a dependent (unemancipated) child under age 18.

By signing this authorization form, I am attesting that:

- I have read and understood the terms of this authorization, and have had the opportunity to ask questions about how information will be used and disclosed by Affinity Health Plan to the recipient that I have named.
- This authorization is completely voluntary, that I can refuse to sign it, and that continued treatment, coverage, enrollment, eligibility and/or other benefits cannot be conditioned upon my willingness to sign this authorization.
- I understand that this authorization can be revoked (ended) by me, in writing, at any time and for any reason, and that revocation will not affect any disclosures made before my written revocation notice is received by Affinity Health Plan.
- Information disclosed may be re-disclosed by the recipient, in which case it may no longer be protected by privacy laws.
- I am the member or have valid legal authority to act on behalf of the member named in this authorization.
- The information provided on this form is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge and ability.
- I am entitled to a copy of this authorization.

Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Personal Representative's Signature: _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

A Personal Representative signing this form must specify his or her relationship to Member below:

Parent Legal Guardian* Power of Attorney* Other* _____

** Documentation of your legal authority to act on the member's behalf is required.*

Mail the completed form to:

Affinity Health Plan

Attn: Customer Service Department

Metro Center Atrium

1776 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10461

Phone: (866) 247-5678; Fax: (718) 794-7804

Keep a copy of this request for your records.