

BAPTIST HEALTH PLAN

Independent Review Entity (IRE) Authorization for the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)

Section A: Authorization: I authorize Baptist Health Plan (BHP) to use and/or disclose my PHI as described in Sections B and C to the IRE designated for review of this appeal.

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ MEMBER ID: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Section B: This authorization applies to information regarding the following appeal request [please describe].

This authorization applies to the information described below (mark all those that apply):

- Records covering the period of time for: _____
 - Information regarding the following condition or injury [please describe] _____ on or about this date _____
 - Other [please be specific and include dates] _____
- Please check if your authorization will include the disclosure of the following types of PHI:
- Substance abuse (including alcoholism)
 - Mental health services (excluding psychotherapy notes)
 - AIDS, AIDS-related complex, or HIV

Section C: Authorized recipient of the PHI

I authorize BHP to disclose my PHI to the IRE designated for review of this appeal.

Section D: Expiration and Revocation

This authorization will expire in **two (2) years**. If you wish for this authorization to expire sooner, please enter the date of the expiration: [please list a **specific date**]: _____

I understand that this authorization is voluntary and that I may refuse to sign. My refusal to sign will not affect my eligibility for benefits or enrollment, payment for or coverage of services, or the ability to obtain treatment, **except that,**

- if this authorization is for BHP to determine eligibility before enrollment, and the requested use or disclosure is not for psychotherapy notes, then BHP reserves the right to deny enrollment or eligibility for benefits if I refuse to sign, **or**
 - if this authorization is to disclose health information to another party based on health care that is provided solely to obtain such information, then BHP reserves the right to deny that health care if I refuse to sign.
- I understand that I have a right to request and receive a copy of BHP's Notice of Privacy Practices.
 - I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by sending written notification to Baptist Health Plan, Attention Privacy Officer, 651 Perimeter Drive, Suite 300, Lexington, KY 40517.
 - I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent that the persons I have authorized to use and/or disclose my individually identified health information have acted in reliance upon this authorization.
 - I further understand that if this authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage, other law provides BHP with the right to contest a claim under the policy, or the policy itself.
 - I understand the information I authorize a person or entity to receive may be re-disclosed and no longer protected by federal privacy regulations.

Please keep a copy of this authorization for your records.

Section E: Signature

Signature

Date

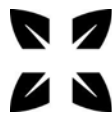
Section F: Personal Representative – If you are not the member, please sign and date section F of this form. Check the box that describes your relationship to the member. If you are not the parent, please attach proof of your relationship to the member (e.g., power of attorney, personal representative documentation, etc.).

Printed name of personal representative: _____

Signature of personal representative: _____ Date _____

- Parent of minor child
- Legal guardian
- Power of Attorney
- Executor
- Other

Description of Personal Representative (Please provide representative documentation)



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW ENTITY (IRE) AUTHORIZATION FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)

Fill out the form completely. The authorization is not valid unless it is filled out completely. This form cannot be used as a joint authorization with another member, therefore, each member must submit a separate form. Please type or print the information.

Section A: Authorization. Please include the following information about the member whose PHI is being disclosed:

- 1) Member's first and last name
- 2) Member's telephone number, including area code
- 3) Include the member's ID number as it appears on the member's ID card
- 4) Member's full street address, including city, state, and ZIP code

Section B: Description of PHI to be disclosed

- 1) Please describe the appeal information
- 2) Check the appropriate box if you wish to disclose the following types of PHI:
 - a. Substance abuse (including alcoholism)
 - b. AIDS, ARC, HIV
 - c. PHI related to mental health services.

Section C: Authorized recipient of the protected health information

- 1) Check the box if you want BHP to disclose this information to the IRE designated for review of the appeal.

Section D: Expiration and Revocation

- 1) The authorization will expire in **two (2) years**. If you wish for this authorization to expire sooner, please enter the date of expiration (day, month and year).
- 2) Members can revoke authorizations at any time. Revocations must be submitted in writing to BHP at the address listed below.

Section E: Signature - Members must sign and date the authorization unless the form is completed by their personal representative (see below).

Section F: Personal Representative

- 1) If a personal representative is signing the authorization form on behalf of a member, the representative must sign his or her name and date in the signature line and specify his or her relationship to the member by checking the appropriate box below the signature. Please attach representative documentation.
- 2) The personal representative must print his or her name, relationship to the member and authority to sign. If the personal representative is someone other than the parent of a minor child, written proof is required.

BEFORE RETURNING THIS FORM YOU SHOULD KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

Mailing Instructions	Faxing Instructions
Baptist Health Plan 651 Perimeter Drive, Suite 300 Lexington, KY 40517	859-335-3720

Members who need additional assistance completing this form should call a customer service representative at 859-269-4475 or 800-787-2680.