

# WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR MENTAL WELLNESS

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## AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PATIENT HEALTH INFORMATION FOR TREATMENT, BILLING, OR HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS

*You are not required to give this authorization. However, claim charges denied due to a failure to provide requested documents (due to a lack of authorization) will be the responsibility of the patient.*

I understand that I have the right to review the Privacy Notification prior to signing this consent. I understand that Women's & Children's Center for Mental Wellness reserves the right to change their notices and practices, and I will be given new notification if this occurs. I understand that I have the right to request restrictions as to how my health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare operations. I understand that I may revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent that Center for Mental Wellness and support staff have already taken action in reliance thereon. I also understand that Center for Mental Wellness and their support staff are not required to adhere to the restrictions requested in the event of a potentially life-threatening emergency.

Records may be needed in order to process a claim for medical services. I authorize Center for Mental Wellness to release information needed for billing purposes to entities that may provide services pertaining to my physician visit, such as reference laboratories. I understand that by signing below, I am authorizing the release of all or part of my medical record for the purpose of my treatment, billing, or pertinent healthcare operations. This release may include records containing information regarding the diagnosis and/or treatment of HIV or AIDS, mental illness, and/or drug and/or alcohol addiction or abuse to any person or corporation which is or may be liable under contract for all or part of the medical charges, including but not limited to, Medicare, Medicaid, or other private or public health insurance programs, reviewing agencies, worker's compensation carriers, welfare agencies or patient's employer.\*

*\*The patient's employer will only be contacted if necessary in order to confirm enrollment in a healthcare plan.*

**Patient Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

The authorization below is given on the patient's behalf because the patient is either a minor or unable to sign.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_