

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL FOUNDATION CONFIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION
AND CONSENT FORMS INFORMATION PRIVACY POLICY**

PRIVACY POLICY: The Tennessee Medical Foundation (“TMF”) protects as confidential and privileged information it generates on physician participants in its Physicians Health Program (“PHP”). The TMF-PHP is intended to be a “Quality Improvement Committee” as defined in T.C.A. § 63-1-150 and T.C.A. § 68-11-272. Any and all actions of the TMF and the TMF PHP are intended to come within the provisions and protections of T.C.A. § 63-1-150 and T.C.A. § 68-11-272 as contemplated in these statutes. In any event, TMF as a matter of policy does not release copies of any of its records (which are unavailable elsewhere) that are necessarily protected as privileged and confidential under Tennessee and other laws. The TMF will release certain types of information as part of the advocacy process for physician participants. The TMF release forms need to be completed prior to such release. As a general matter, the release of such information is contemplated as part of the advocacy/after care contracts that participants sign. As an additional protection against unauthorized releases (especially by third parties who receive such advocacy information), the PHP requires that the applicable consent and authorization form(s) be completed by each participant *prior to the requested communication or advocacy event*.

RELEASE FORMS EXPLANATION: The TMF-PHP has two types of authorization/consent forms. Both forms have an acknowledgement noting that you have received a copy of this privacy policy. The first form (**Form #1**) authorizes other entities and individuals to release information about you **TO** the TMF-PHP. This form is particularly helpful as the PHP follows you, for example, through the assessment and treatment processes. Without this form, the PHP likely will not be able to assist you or advocate for you.

Form #2 authorizes the TMF-PHP to release information **FROM** its participant file about you as part of the ongoing advocacy process to entities or individuals who need the information to determine whether, for example, your hospital privileges, HMA credentials, or medical license should be kept in place. All requests TMF receives for written information regarding your participation with the program must be submitted to our offices in writing. If you receive a written request for information, it is important that you send us a copy of the request and that the language in the release reflects the information sought. For example, some employers are satisfied with a simple verification that a physician is in the program whereas others require a more detailed account of the physician’s participation. It is critical that we understand the extent of the inquiry so that we know what information to release.

We encourage you to rely upon your personal legal counsel in completing the two release forms. Be sure to submit your request to us one month prior to any deadline and to let us know the deadline. Due to demands on our PHP staff, TMF-PHP policy states that request for advocacy letters or other documentation information will be fulfilled within 10 business days following the TMF-PHP’s receipt of the written request including completion of the applicable consent and authorization form(s). For further information, please contact Jeanne Breard, TMF-PHP Clinical Coordinator, at (615) 467-6411.

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AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO TMF-PHP

I, _____
(Please print Participants Name)

Home Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Office Address: _____
(Street, City, State, Zip)

Home Phone: _____

Office Phone: _____

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TMF'S PRIVACY POLICY AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE:

(Name or description of facility or program making the disclosure)

TO DISCLOSE/RELEASE

Treatment and discharge summary reports including recommendations

Evaluations including urine results and reports including recommendations

Clinical Updates

To Re-Disclose _____

(Note: Once re-disclosed, information may not be HIPAA protected.)

Other _____

TO: The TMF-PHP and its staff and applicable RAM Team.

PURPOSE:

To facilitate case management and advocacy efforts

Other _____

Participant's Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

EXPIRATION: THIS CONSENT IS SUBJECT TO WRITTEN REVOCATION AT ANY TIME EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE TMF PHP WHICH IS TO MAKE THIS DISCLOSURE HAS ALREADY TAKEN ACTION IN RELIANCE ON THIS AUTHORIZATION/CONSENT. ONCE RE-DISCLOSED, THE INFORMATION RECIPIENT(S) POTENTIALLY MAY RE-DISCLOSE TO PERSONS/ENTITIES NOT SUBJECT TO HIPAA. THE TMF-PHP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ITS PRIVACY PRACTICE. THE PARTICIPANT MAY REQUEST A RESTRICTION OF THE USE OF COVERED INFORMATION , BUT, UNLESS IT AGREES, THE TMF-PHP IS NOT REQUIRED TO HONOR THAT REQUEST. IF NOT PREVIOUSLY REVOKED, THIS CONSENT WILL TERMINATE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TMF-PHP PARTICIPATION OR AFTERCARE CONTRACT UNLESS ANOTHER DATE IS INDICATED: ____/____/____.