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AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

1. _____ (Name of Patient) _____ (Date of Birth)

(Street Address) _____
(City, State, Zip Code)

I authorize the use and/or release of my protected health information (PHI) as described below. I understand that this authorization is voluntary and is made to confirm my instructions. I also understand that the information used and/or released as a result of this authorization may no longer be protected by federal privacy laws and may be further used and/or released by persons or organizations receiving it without obtaining my authorization.

2. I AUTHORIZE:

3. TO RELEASE PHI TO:

(Name of Physician/Health Care Facility) _____
(Name of Physician/Health Care Facility/Other)

(Street Address) _____
(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip Code) _____
(City, State, Zip Code)

4A. PHI TO BE RELEASED:

_____ All Medical Records _____ Lab Reports _____ Other - Specify
_____ Electrocardiogram _____ X-Ray Reports _____
_____ Immunization Records _____ X-Ray Films - Specify _____
_____ Allergy Records _____ Eye Records _____
For the following dates: _____

In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, the following items require special permission to be released. Please release records pertaining to:

_____ Mental Health _____ Developmental Disabilities _____ HIV (AIDS)
_____ Alcoholism _____ Drug Abuse _____ Other _____

5. PURPOSE OR NEED FOR DISCLOSURE: (Check applicable categories)

_____ Transfer of Medical Care _____ Specialty Consultation _____ Legal Investigation
_____ Application for Insurance _____ Vocational Rehab Evaluation _____ Personal
_____ Disability Determination _____ Visual Inspection of Records
_____ Other _____

6. EXPIRATION DATE: This authorization will expire on ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY). If I do not specify a date, this authorization will remain in effect until this request is processed.

7. SIGNATURE: I understand that by signing this form, I am confirming my authorization for the health care provider named in Section 2 to use and/or disclose the protected health information described above, to the persons and/or organizations named in Section 3. I understand written notification is necessary to cancel this request.

Signature*: _____ Date: _____

* If this authorization is signed by a representative of the patient, please complete the following:

Representative's Name: _____

Patient is: _____ Minor _____ Incompetent _____ Disabled _____ Deceased
Legal Authority: _____ Parent of Minor _____ Legal Guardian _____ Power of Attorney _____ Next of Kin

**** SEE REVERSE SIDE OF FORM FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS ****

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)

Associated Physicians, LLP (AP) recognizes the patient's right to confidentiality of protected health information in accordance with the federal privacy rule and Wisconsin law. Patients should be aware of the following information when requesting the release of protected health information:

Right to Refuse to Sign this Authorization

A patient has the right to refuse to sign this authorization form and Associated Physicians, LLP will not condition treatment or payment of claims upon the provision that the patient sign this authorization form.

Right to Inspect or Copy the Information to be Used or Disclosed

A patient has the right to inspect or obtain a copy of the protected health information to be used or disclosed by signing this authorization form and may arrange a time to do so by contacting the medical records department.

Right to Receive a Copy of this Authorization

A patient has the right to request a copy of the signed authorization.

Right to Revoke Authorization

A patient has the right to revoke an authorization at any time by giving a written notice of revocation to the Privacy Officer listed below. Revocation of this authorization will not apply to information that has been released in compliance with this authorization *prior* to the receipt of the written notice of revocation. The revocation will not apply to the patient's insurance company when the law provides the insurer with the right to contest a claim under the patient's policy.

Redisclosure of Information by Recipient

Any disclosure of protected health information carries with it the potential for an unauthorized redisclosure. If the person(s) and/or organization listed in Section 3 are not health care providers, health plans or health care clearinghouses subject to the federal privacy rule, the protected health information disclosed as a result of this authorization may no longer be protected by the federal privacy standards and may be redisclosed without obtaining my authorization.

Multiple Releases of Information

A patient may request multiple releases of information described on the authorization form (Section 6). However, all releases based on this form are limited to records dated up to and including the date of the patient's signature unless otherwise specified. A new authorization is necessary for release of information related to care provided after the date of the patient's signature, unless the authorization specifies release of future records of a specific test or a specific clinic appointment.

Who May Sign Authorization

Wisconsin Statutes recognize the need for informed consent. Generally, all patients 18 years of age and over must sign for release of their own medical records unless the following conditions apply:

- The patient is incompetent.
- The patient is disabled and cannot sign the form.
- The patient is deceased. (A surviving spouse or personal representative of the estate may sign. If no such person exists, then an adult member of the immediate family may sign).

Patients *less than 18 years of age* must sign for release of their medical records when:

- The patient is 14 years of age or older and the records involve mental health treatment or developmental disabilities (parents retain the right to access this information)
- The patient is 14 years of age or older and the records involve HIV test results
- The patient is 12 years of age or older and the records involve alcoholism or drug dependence
- The patient is an emancipated minor who is married or in the military
- The patient's records for release include abortion procedure.

All persons signing for release of protected health information on behalf of a patient must state their relationship to the patient and provide proof of their legal authority to act on behalf of the patient (Section 7).

Privacy Officer: Kimberly Marshall, 4410 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705 Phone: (608) 233-9746

NOTE TO RECIPIENT OF INFORMATION: This protected health information has been disclosed according to federal and state privacy rules. Unless you have further authorization, these rules may prohibit you from redisclosing this information without the specific written consent of the patient or the patient's legal representative.