AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Conemaugh Physician Group

Patient Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Patient Phone #** _____

Patient Address _____

Reason for release: ( ) Continuity of care ( ) Insurance ( ) Legal ( ) Self ( ) Other (specify) _____

1. Release to: _____ Release from: _____

Name/Facility _____ Name/Facility _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Telephone Number _____

Fax Number _____ Fax Number _____

Treatment Dates: Inpatient ____/____ **Ambulatory** ____/____ **Emergency** ____/____ **Outpatient** ____/____

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2. **PLEASE SELECT WHAT DOCUMENTS YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS RELEASE REQUEST:**

____ History and Physical Exam	____ Physician's Orders	____ Discharge Summary
____ Physician Notes	____ Laboratory Data	____ Consultation(s)
____ Emergency Room Report	____ Radiology Report/Films/CD	____ EKG/Cardiology Report
____ Operative Report(s)	____ Nursing Notes	____ Clinic Notes - list Clinic Name: _____
	____ Pathology Report	____ Medication Sheets

Other, Specify _____

3. There are no limitations placed on dates, history of illness or diagnostic/therapeutic information, including any treatment of alcohol use/abuse, drug use/abuse, HIV-AIDS, mental health, behavioral or psychiatric treatment, except as identified and specified immediately below:
ITEMS OR DATES TO EXCLUDE: _____ **Initial Here** _____

4. Revocation Process: I understand that I may, by placing my request in writing to the Privacy Officer, revoke this authorization at any time. However, I understand that a healthcare organization cannot take back information that has already been released in response to this authorization. I understand that the revocation of this authorization will not apply to my insurance company whenever my insurer has a legal right to contest a claim under my policy. This authorization will expire six months from the date of my signature .

5. Right to Copy/Voluntary Disclosure: I know that I have the right to receive a copy of this Authorization after I sign it and that authorizing the disclosure of my health information is voluntary. I acknowledge that my records may be redisclosed in accordance with federal or state law.

6. Health Plan/insurance Issuers-Conditions: I need not sign this form in order to receive treatment, to have my treatment paid for by my insurer, for enrollment in a health plan or eligibility for its benefits. If I am authorizing my information to be released to an insurance company, I have been advised by my insurer of my rights and the consequence to me should I refuse to sign this Authorization.

7. Photocopy: I further authorize that a photocopy of this authorization form will be fully acceptable as an original and that the healthcare organization may deny the release of protected health information if it has reason to believe (1) this authorization has been altered or (2) is not a true and accurate authorization initiated by the patient or (3) is dated prior to the treatment dates for which records are being requested or (4) if this authorization has expired.

8. Fees: It is understood and agreed that the individual presenting this authorization for release of medical records will pay Pennsylvania regulated fees charged for this service as required by law, as posted in Health Information Services (See fee schedule at http://www.portal.health.state.pa.us)

By signing below I represent that I authorize release of otherwise protected health care information to the person or entity identified above.

_____/_____ _____/_____

Patient's Signature (Photo ID required) / Date Signature of staff who obtained the consent/date

_____/_____ _____

Signature Authorized Individual* / Date Relationship to Patient

_____

Print Name Authorized Individual

NOTICE TO PARTY RECEIVING INFO: This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Pennsylvania law. Pennsylvania law prohibits you from making any further disclosure of this information unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by prior written consent of the person to whom it pertains.

I _____, am unable to sign this authorization. My verbal consent to the above authorization and my verbal statement of understanding of this authorization has been witnessed by two individuals whose signatures appear below.

Witness: _____ Date: _____ Witness: _____ Date: _____

***Attach document to prove your authority to act on behalf of patient**