Human Resources Administration
Department of Social Services

HIPAA AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Patient Name:		**Social Security Number:**	
Patient Address:		**Date of Birth:**	

I, or my authorized representative, request that health information regarding my care and treatment be released as set forth on this form. In accordance with Article 27-F of the New York State Public Health Law, the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2 and its implementing regulations at 42 C.F.R. Part 2, I understand that:

1. This authorization may include disclosure of information relating to **ALCOHOL** and **DRUG ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**, except psychotherapy notes, and **CONFIDENTIAL HIV* RELATED INFORMATION** only if I place my initials on the appropriate line in Item 10(b). In the event the health information described below includes any of these types of information, and I initial the line on the box in Item 10(b), I specifically authorize release of such information indicated in Item 10(b) to the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA).
2. In the event that HRA determines that I am potentially eligible for federal disability benefits, I authorize HRA to release my medical and/or mental health treatment information, which may include confidential HIV related information and/or alcohol or drug treatment records to the Social Security Administration (SSA) for its review of my eligibility for federal disability benefits.
3. I understand that I have the right to request a list of people who may receive or use my HIV related information without authorization. If I experience discrimination because of the release or disclosure of HIV-related information, I may contact the New York State Division of Human Rights at **212-961-8650** or the New York City Commission of Human Rights at **212-306-7450**. These agencies are responsible for protecting my rights.
4. I understand that signing this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment to treatment providers, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned upon my authorization of this disclosure. However, if I do not authorize HRA to share my medical information with SSA, this may result in a discontinuance of my Cash Assistance (CA) benefits.

*** Human Immunodeficiency Virus causes AIDS. The New York State Public Health Law protects information which reasonably could identify someone as having HIV symptoms, infection, or AIDS, or that reasonably could identify someone who may have been exposed to HIV or AIDS through contact with a protected individual.**

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5. I understand that I may revoke this authorization except to the extent that HRA and my medical provider have already acted upon it. I may revoke this authorization at any time by writing to the health care provider at the address specified below and to HRA at: **NYC Human Resources Administration, Office of Constituent Services, 150 Greenwich Street, 35th Floor, New York, NY 10007.**
6. Authorized recipients of my medical information may, in certain instances, have the right to redisclose my medical documentation without the need to obtain additional written consent from me. I understand that such redisclosures may no longer be protected by federal or state law.
7. **This authorization does not authorize my medical provider to discuss my health information or medical case with anyone other than the NYC Human Resources Administration as specified in item 10(b)**.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCUSS HEALTH INFORMATION

8. Name and address of health provider or entity to release this information: _____

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9. Name and address of agency to whom this information will be sent: **NYC Human Resources Administration, Customized Assistance Services, Office of Reasonable Accommodations, 150 Greenwich Street, 30th floor, New York, NY 10007**

10(a). Specific information to be released: **Medical records for the entire year prior to the signature date below.**
Include (*Indicate by Initialing*):

☐ Alcohol/Drug Treatment ☐ Mental Health Information ☐ HIV Related Information

10(b). By initialing here _____, I authorize _____
(Initials) (Name of individual health care provider)

to discuss my health information with the **NYC Human Resources Administration**.

11. Reason for release of information: **At request of patient**
12. Date or event on which this authorization will expire: **One year from the date of signature**
13. If not the patient, name of person signing form: _____
14. Authority to sign on behalf of patient: _____

All items on this form have been completed and my questions about this form have been answered. In addition, I have been provided with a copy of the form.

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Signature of Patient or Authorized Representative by Law Date