## AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

This authorization is voluntary and may be used to permit Community Health Choice (Community) to use or disclose an individual's protected health information (PHI).

Individuals completing this form should read the form in its entirety before signing and complete all the sections that apply to their decisions relating to the use or disclosure of their PHI.

		As a member (over 18 years of age) of Community, I am requesting disclosure of PHI to the individual as requested below.																					
	As a parent/guardian of a member (under 18 years of age) of Community, I am requesting disclosure of PHI a requested below, and have included proof of identity and legal rights.															ll a							
MEMBER FULL NAME																							

## WHO CAN RECEIVE AND USE THE HEALTH INFORMATION?

NAME											
MAILING ADDRESS											
CITY ZIP CODE											
DAY PHONE OTHER PHONE											
PLEASE SELECT THOSE THAT APPLY:											
Self Legal Guardian											
Natural or Adoptive Parent Spouse											
Foster Parent Step-Parent											
Legal Representative – someone with legal  Other											
authority to act on the member's behalf											
If the person signing this authorization is not the member, you must provide a copy of the health care power of proof of identity.  WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE DISCLOSED?  All Information described below											
Primary Care Provider Changes Premium Payment											
Home Address Changes  Name Spelling and other Personal Information											
Your initials are required to release the following information:											
Mental Health Information Pregnancy/Family Planning											
Drug, Alcohol or Substance Abuse HIV/AIDS											
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## **HIPAA STATEMENT:**

This form is intended for use in complying with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Privacy Standards (HIPAA) and the Texas Medical Privacy Act. Covered entities may use this form or any other form that complies with HIPAA, the Texas Medical Privacy Act, and other applicable laws.

Covered entities, as the term is defined by HIPAA and Texas Health and Safety, must obtain a signed authorization from an individual or the individual's legally authorized representative to disclose that individuals Protected Health Information (PHI).

The Authorization provided by use of the form means the organization, entity or person authorized can disclose, communicate, or send named individuals PHI to the organization, entity or person identified on the form, including through use of any electronic means.

I understand that Community does not require that I waive my right to submit a claim to the Secretary of HHS in order to receive treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan or determine eligibility of benefits.

## SIGNATURE AND AUTHORIZATION:

\*\*Date signed is the effective date of this authorization\*\*

I have read this form in its entirety and agree to the uses and disclosure of the information as described. I understand that refusing to sign this form does not stop disclosure of PHI that has occurred prior to revocation or that is otherwise permitted by law without my specific authorization or permission, including disclosures to covered entities.

I understand this authorization is completely voluntary. I can refuse to sign it, and I understand that treatment, coverage, enrollment, eligibility and/or other benefits cannot be conditioned upon my willingness to sign this authorization.

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	Signature of Individual or Individual's Legally	Autho	orized	Rep	resenta	ative									
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A minor individual signature is required for the release of certain types of information, including for example, the release of information related to certain types of reproductive care, sexually transmitted diseases, and drug, alcohol, of substance abuse, and mental health treatment:															
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Members: This completed form or letter of withdrawal can be submitted															
E-mail:	I: MemberServices@Communityi														
Fax:	713.295.2293 – Fulf Ilment Department														
Mail:	Community Health Choice  Attention: Fulfillment Department  ðôô > } % všŒ o ŒX^µ]š òìì  , }µ•š}vU dy óóìôí														

