

## AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN AND DISCLOSE INFORMATION



I allow all doctors, hospitals, other health care providers, pharmacy, pharmacy benefit managers, government agencies (including, but not limited to, Federal, State or Local, and the Social Security Administration and Veterans Administration), insurers, employers, financial institutions, educational institutions, health plans, health insurance carriers, policyholders, contract holders, vendors, health and benefit insurers and administrators or their successors ("Records Holders") to give to and discuss with The Hartford, the following personal, private, or privileged information, records, or documents:

Any and all medical information or records, including medical histories, physical, mental, or diagnostic examinations, pharmaceutical records, and treatment notes, and including information regarding HIV/AIDS, communicable diseases, alcohol or drug abuse, and mental health; work and performance information and history, including job duties and earnings; information on any insurance coverage and claims filed, including all records and information related to such coverage and claims; financial information, including pension benefits and bank records; business transaction billing and payment records; academic transcripts; and any and all information concerning Social Security or other government benefits, including monthly benefit amounts, monthly payment amounts, entitlement dates, and information from my Master Beneficiary Record. The information obtained by use of this Authorization will be used by The Hartford (including subsidiaries and affiliates) for the purpose of evaluating and administering my claim(s) for benefits and/or leave request(s) and/or request(s) for accommodation. Such information shall be referred to herein collectively as "My Information."

I understand that once My Information has been disclosed to The Hartford as permitted under this Authorization, it may be re-disclosed by The Hartford as permitted by law or my further authorization. I authorize The Hartford to use or disclose My Information (i) to my employer for: a) functions related to accommodating my restrictions/limitations, including in accordance with law; b) responding to claims related to accommodation, adverse or discriminatory treatment related to my claim or condition; c) responding to complaints by me or my representative relating to benefits, leave or accommodation; d) responding to any litigation, agency or regulatory proceeding, or lawful subpoena (including regarding employment claims); e) federal, state, or other leave administration; f) fulfilling fiduciary obligations under my benefit plan; or (g) claim, other audits or benefit program reviews; (ii) to administrators or other service providers, including health and wellness vendors, of my employer's benefit plan(s) and/or programs, including leave management, for plan, benefit, or program related functions or data aggregation and analysis; (iii) to any electronic claim systems or programs or third party vendors used for claims administration or processing or to any insurance broker to carry out functions related to my benefit plan/program or claim; (iv) to any health care professional who has treated or evaluated me or who may do so; (v) to other persons or entities performing business, medical, or legal services related to my claim; (vi) for other insurance or reinsurance purposes, including workers' compensation insurance, Social Security Disability insurance, or subrogation or reimbursement purposes; (vii) as may be lawfully required; (viii) as may be reasonably necessary to protect the personal safety of others or myself; (ix) as may be reasonably necessary to respond to regulatory or similar complaints; and (x) as may be reasonably necessary to prevent or detect perpetration of a fraud (all entities and individuals listed herein including The Hartford defined as "Benefits Manager(s)")

I understand that My Information disclosed to Benefits Managers pertaining to certain alcohol or drug abuse treatment or HIV/AIDS or other communicable or sexually-transmitted disease is protected by federal (42 CFR Part 2) and state confidentiality rules and statutes, which prohibit any further disclosure of this information without my express written consent, or as otherwise permitted by such rules and statutes. I understand that a general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for release of these types of records.

Therefore:

- ☐ **If any of my records contain information about alcohol or drug abuse, then, by checking this box, I hereby expressly allow my Benefits Managers to use or give out such information to evaluate, analyze, manage and/or administer the benefits program. I understand that the federal rules restrict any use of the Information to criminally investigate or prosecute any drug or alcohol abuse patient.**
- ☐ **If any of my records contain information about HIV/AIDS or other communicable or sexually transmitted disease, then, by checking this box, I hereby expressly allow my Benefits Managers to use or give out such information to evaluate, analyze, manage and/or administer the benefits program.**

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I understand that once my Information is given out as allowed in this form, federal privacy laws may not protect it and it may be re-disclosed by The Hartford. I also understand that information disclosed pursuant to this Authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient. The Authorizations set forth herein expire two years from the date listed below, or upon my revocation, if earlier, but will not exceed the term of my coverage under the policy(ies) or benefit plan or program, except as may be reasonably necessary to prevent or detect perpetration of a fraud, respond to regulatory or similar complaints, or protect the personal safety of others or myself.

If I change my mind about this Authorization before that time is up, I can tell my Records Holders and The Hartford in writing that I do not want them to share any more information with other parties. If I revoke my Authorization by telling them in writing to stop sharing information with other parties, it will not change any actions they took before I revoked my permission. If I do not sign this Authorization, it will not affect how my health care providers treat me. However, if I do not sign, The Hartford may not be able to review my claim and determine whether I am eligible for benefits. This may result in denial of my request for benefits.

The Information released under this Authorization can be submitted to The Hartford electronically, by phone or fax, or by mail. I know I can see or copy the records given to The Hartford based on this Authorization. I agree that a copy of this Authorization may be treated as a signed original. I understand that I am entitled to receive a copy of this Authorization upon request. If there is a conflict between a prior request for restriction on the disclosure of My Information and this Authorization, this Authorization will control.

**NOTICE TO INFORMATION PROVIDERS:**

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. 'Genetic information' as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family members genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individuals' family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services. *Please note that it is appropriate under GINA to provide family medical history when an employee is requesting leave to care for a family member.*

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**Claimant's Name**

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**Date of Birth**

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**Employer's Name**

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**Date**

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**Claimant's (or Legal Representative's) Signature**

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**Legal Representative's Name and Relationship**

**Form must be signed in order to be considered valid.**