



# Authorization to Release Medical Information

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please print or type.

List the provider(s) you are authorizing to release medical records in the space indicated on this form.

Please sign and date the form and send to the service office where your claim is located or to your self-insured employer

Injured worker name (first, M.I., last)		Date of injury	Claim number
Address	City	State	9-digit ZIP code
Employer name		Employer MCO or QHP	

I, the above-named injured worker understand I am allowing the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission and the following providers (persons or facilities) that attend, treat or examine me (list providers here)

\_\_\_\_\_, to release the following medical, psychological and/or psychiatric information (excluding psychotherapy notes) that are related causally or historically to physical or mental injuries relevant to my workers' compensation claim

Hospital admission history and physical, emergency room reports; hospital discharge summaries; physician office notes; physical therapist, occupational therapist or athletic trainer assessments and progress notes; consultation reports; lab results; medical reports; surgical reports; diagnostic reports; procedure reports; nursing home and skilled nursing facilities documentation, home nursing progress notes; or other

I understand I am authorizing the release of this information to the following: the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), the Industrial Commission of Ohio (IC), the above-named employer the employer's managed care organization (MCO) or qualified health plan (QHP) and any authorized representatives.

I understand this information is being released to the above-referenced persons and/or entities for use in administering my workers' compensation claim

This authorization to release medical, psychological and/or psychiatric information shall remain in effect for as long as my workers' compensation claim remains open under Ohio law. However I understand I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time, but my revocation must be submitted in writing and filed with BWC or my self-insured employer My decision to revoke this authorization will be effective, except in the case that any provider referenced above already has relied on my authorization and released information.

I understand the provider(s) referenced above may not make my completing and signing this authorization a condition of my treatment.

I understand the parties I am authorizing the release of information to are exempted from the federal privacy requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) as they administer workers' compensation programs. Information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be redisclosed by them and may no longer be protected by the federal privacy requirements. I understand such redisclosures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A copy of the medical information the employer receives may be forwarded to BWC by the employer
- A copy of the medical information will be available to me or my physician of record upon request to BWC or to the employer

Injured worker (or guardian or personal representative) signature	Date
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If signed by the injured worker's guardian or personal representative, provide here a description of the guardian or personal representative's authority to sign on behalf of the injured worker \_\_\_\_\_