



## AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION (FEDERAL HIPPA ACT)

*This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.*

HIPAA regulations effective April 14, 2003 require your medical providers to share their written privacy practices with patients. Please understand that the privacy of your medical records has always been and will continue to be a priority to us. Below is a summary of how we will handle your medical information.

We can use your protected health information or "PHI" for the following purposes without your written consent or authorization.

- Treatment, payment, or healthcare operations
- When required or permitted to do so by federal, state, or local law
- When permitted to do so for matters of public health
- When required for law enforcement or judicial administrative proceedings
- When required to be given to a coroner or medical examiner
- When, consistent with applicable laws, the release is necessary to prevent or lessen threat to public health or safety
- When necessary to comply with worker's compensation requirements
- For organ or tissue donation
- For those involved in the payment of your care

Except for the situations listed above, we must obtain your specific written authorization for any other release of your health information. You have the right to inspect and request a copy of your medical records. You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your records. These requests must be in writing and we are not required to agree to your requests, but we will respond to any request in writing. If we agree to your written request, that agreement is binding on our part. You have the right to revoke authorization you have given at any time. Again, this must be done in writing. You also have the right to ask for a record of your health information disclosures.

I have been provided with a copy of Badger Health Center's Privacy Practices. I have read and understand these practices and my rights.

Patient/Policyholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient/Policyholder Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's name (If patient is under 18 years of age): \_\_\_\_\_