AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania
Community HealthChoices
200 Stevens Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19113

Tips to complete the authorization to disclose (share) your protected health information

You may authorize us to share information about your health or plan benefits with someone else. To do this, you will need to fill out the Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information form we sent with this letter.

Important information about this form

By signing this form, you allow us to share your protected health information (PHI) with the persons and organizations you put on this form. Sharing your PHI may identify you to others. For your PHI to be shared with anyone else, you must give your consent, unless otherwise permitted by law.

To allow us to share your PHI, please fill out the form completely. You will find helpful tips for filling out this form on the back of this letter.

When you are done, send the completed form back to us. You can mail it to:

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices
Consent Processing Center
P.O. Box 7092
London, KY 40742-7092

If you have any questions about this letter or the enclosed form, we can help. Call Participant Services at **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)**.

Helpful tips for completing the form.

Please fill in as much information as you can.

Section A

- Enter the Participant's information here.

Section B

- Enter the information for the person or organization that can get the Participant's PHI.
- If you want the person or organizations you put in this section to also share your information with AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC), check the Yes box. You must check either Yes or No.

Section C

- Tell us what type of information we can share with the person(s) or organizations listed in section B. You have choices:
  - Check "Non-sensitive condition records" to ask us to share **all** of your information.
  - Check "Sensitive condition records" which gives specific permission to share certain PHI.
  - Check "only limited information" describe the information you want shared.

Section D

- Check the boxes for the reasons why you would like your information shared.
  - You must check at least 1 box.

Section E

- Tell us when you would like the form to expire (no longer be in effect).
  - Check the first box to have the form expire 1 year after your coverage with AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC ends.

    Or
  - Check the second box and write in a date or event.

Section F

- Read this section to understand your rights about this form.
- Sign the form.
- The form must be signed by the Participant, parent/guardian or legal representative.
- If you are the legal representative, then you must complete the personal representative information and attach the legal documents.

Addendum to Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information

- This section is only to be filled out if the Participant is **physically unable** to sign the form.
- This section must be signed by 2 witnesses to show that:
  - The information on the form was communicated to the Participant.
  - The Participant understands the information in the form.
  - The Participant freely gave their consent to have their PHI shared.

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Authorization for Sharing Health Information

Please print clearly in blue or black ink.

This form is used to share your protected health information ("PHI") where your authorization is required by federal and state privacy laws. Your authorization allows AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC) to share your PHI with the person(s) or organization(s) that you choose. You can also choose to allow the person(s) or organization(s) to share your PHI with AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC. You can cancel this authorization at any time by contacting AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC. Call Participant Services at **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)** for more information.

Part A. Participant information (person whose PHI will be shared)

Participant first name:			Middle initial:
Last name:	Participant ID (see ID card):		
Participant street address:			
City:		State:	ZIP code:
Participant date of birth:	Daytime phone number (with area code):		
Participant email address:			

Part B. Recipient (person or organization that will receive your PHI)

The following person or organization has the right to receive my PHI:			
Do you want the following person or organization to also share your PHI with us? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
First name:	Last name:		
Organization name (if applicable):			
Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP code:
Phone number (with area code):			
Relationship to Participant in Part A:			
Recipient email address:			

Part C. Description of the PHI to be shared

Tell us what types of PHI can be shared. You can check as many boxes as you want. At least one box must be checked. Note: Some sharing of PHI without your authorization is permitted by state and federal law.

☐ **Non-sensitive condition records.** All PHI related to my health and the provision of and payment for my health care benefits and services, **except for sensitive conditions as set forth below**.
Note: Federal law requires a separate authorization to share psychotherapy notes.

☐ **Sensitive condition records.** Some laws allow you to give specific permission to share sensitive PHI. Please check the boxes below for sensitive PHI that is OK to share. By checking these boxes, you give permission for all your records containing that type of PHI to be shared. If you only want to authorize sharing of a subset of records, such as records about only one diagnosis, fill out the "Only limited information" section on Page 2.

- ☐ Genetic information
- ☐ HIV/AIDS
- ☐ Substance or alcohol use
- ☐ Mental/behavioral health (including inpatient treatment)
- ☐ Sexually transmitted disease
- ☐ Abortion and family planning
- ☐ Communicable diseases

Part C. Description of the PHI to be shared (continued)

☐ **Only limited information.** In the box below, describe the PHI you want shared. Examples:

- The claim related to my service on [date]
- Appeal information related to my claim on [date]

Please describe the information you want shared:

Part D. Purpose of this authorization

This authorization is valid for sharing of PHI for the following purposes. (Please check one or both boxes.)

☐ To help diagnose, treat, manage, and/or pay for my health needs

OR

☐ For the following reason:

This authorization shall be invalid if used for any purpose other than the purpose(s) stated above.

Part E. Expiration date of this authorization

This authorization will expire: Please check only one box.

☐ I want the authorization to expire one (1) year after my coverage with AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC ends. (See information below.)*

OR

☐ Upon the following date, event, or condition:*

* AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC must be notified of the event/condition to cancel this authorization. In North Carolina and New Jersey, this authorization automatically expires one year after the date it was signed, unless you choose an earlier date. In New Hampshire, the authorization automatically expires two years after the date it was signed, unless you choose an earlier date. In Louisiana, if you are requesting the sharing of genetic information, the authorization expires 60 days after the date it was signed, unless you choose an earlier date. In the District of Columbia, if you are requesting the sharing of mental health information, the authorization automatically expires one year after the date it was signed, unless you choose an earlier date.

Part F. Approval: You OR your personal representative must sign and date this form in order for it to be processed.

I understand that this authorization for sharing my PHI is voluntary and is not a condition of enrollment in AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC, eligibility for benefits, or payment of claims. I understand that I may cancel this authorization at any time by submitting a request to AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC, and that canceling this authorization will not affect any action taken pursuant to the authorization prior to my request to cancel. I also understand that if I cancel this authorization, I should separately notify the individual(s) or organization(s) listed in Part B if I wish for those individual(s) or organization(s) to no longer share my PHI. I also understand that if the person or organization I authorize to receive my PHI described above is not subject to federal or state health information privacy laws, they may further share my PHI and it may no longer be protected by federal or state privacy laws. I also understand that I or my personal representative have a right to receive a copy of this form and to review my PHI that may be shared because of this authorization.

Participant signature: By signing below, I authorize the sharing of my PHI as described above.	
Signature of Participant:	Date:

Personal representative information: By signing below, I authorize the sharing of PHI about the Participant listed above. (A personal representative is a person who has the legal authority to make health care decisions on the Participant's behalf. A copy of a power of attorney or other legal health care documents must be on file at AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC or submitted with this form.)	
Printed name of personal representative:	
Address of representative:	
Description of personal representative's authority:	
Signature of personal representative:	
Date:	Phone number:
Return the completed form to: Consent Processing Center, P.O. Box 7092, London, KY 40742-7092 Fax number: **1-833-214-2242** (toll-free)	

Addendum to Authorization for Sharing Health Information

Verbal consent

We, the undersigned, attest that the Participant listed in Part A above is **physically unable** to sign this authorization. Verbal consent does not replace the need for documentation showing that another person is the Participant's personal representative, and cannot replace this documentation simply because it is inconvenient for the Participant to sign.

Reason the Participant is unable to sign:

The signatures below indicate:

- The information on this form was communicated to the Participant.
- The Participant indicated their understanding of the information in this authorization.
- The Participant freely gave their consent.

Method of communication to Participant:

☐ Phone

☐ In person

☐ Other (explain):

Witness printed name:	Witness printed name:
Witness signature:	Witness signature:
Date:	Date:

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Nondiscrimination Notice

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, creed, religious affiliation, ancestry, sex gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, creed, religious affiliation, ancestry, sex gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:

- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact **AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices** at **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)**.

If you believe that **AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices** has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, creed, religious affiliation, ancestry, sex gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation, you can file a complaint with:

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania
Community HealthChoices,
Participant Complaints Department,
Attention: Participant Advocate,
200 Stevens Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19113-1570
Phone: **1-855-235-5115**, **TTY 1-855-235-5112**,
Fax: **215-937-5367**, or
Email: PAmemberappeals@amerihealthcaritas.com

The Bureau of Equal Opportunity,
Room 223, Health and Welfare Building,
P.O. Box 2675,
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675,
Phone: **(717) 787-1127**, TTY/PA Relay **711**,
Fax: **(717) 772-4366**, or
Email: RA-PWBEOAO@pa.gov

You can file a complaint in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a complaint, AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices and the Bureau of Equal Opportunity are available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at **https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf**, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
200 Independence Avenue S.W.,
Room 509F, HHH Building,
Washington, DC 20201,
1-800-368-1019, **800-537-7697** (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at **http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html**.

Nondiscrimination Notice

ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you.
Call: **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)**.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните **1-855-235-5115 (телетайп: 1-855-235-5112)**.

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)**。

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn.
Gọi số **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم **1-855-235-5115** (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: **1-855-235-5112**).

ध्यान दिनुहोस्: तपाईंले नेपाली बोल्नुहुन्छ भने तपाईंको निम्ति भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू निःशुल्क रूपमा उपलब्ध छ । फोन गर्नुहोस् **1-855-235-5115 (टिटिवाइ: 1-855-235-5112)** ।

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다.
1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

ប្រយ័ត្ន៖ បើសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយ ភាសាខ្មែរ, សេវាជំនួយផ្នែកភាសា ដោយមិនគិតឈ្នួល គឺអាចមានសំរាប់បំរើអ្នក។ ចូរ ទូរស័ព្ទ **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112)** ។

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposes gratuitement. Appelez le **1-855-235-5115 (ATS 1-855-235-5112).**

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ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**

লক্ষ্য করুনঃ যদি আপনি বাংলা, কথা বলতে পারেন, তাহলে নিঃখরচায় ভাষা সহায়তা পরিষেবা উপলব্ধ আছে। ফোন করুন **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**

KUJDES: Nëse flitni shqip, për ju ka në dispozicion shërbime të asistencës gjuhësore, pa pagesë. Telefononi në **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**

સુચના: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો, તો નિ:શુલ્ક ભાષા સહાય સેવાઓ તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. ફોન કરો **1-855-235-5115 (TTY 1-855-235-5112).**