

Authorization to Obtain Protected Health Information



In order to comply with HIPAA privacy regulations and other privacy laws, I authorize any physician, medical professional, hospital, clinic, pharmacy, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, health information repository, medical record retrieval service as well as those entities listed below, and their agents, business associates and/or legal representatives to give to American Community Mutual Insurance Company, its legal representatives or its reinsures, any protected health information including medical records, lab work, x-rays, consultation reports, or knowledge of the health of the undersigned for underwriting or claims payment purposes. This authorization also includes confidential communicable disease related information, confidential HIV-related information, and information about drug and alcohol use. This authorization permits disclosure of medical documents for 5 years prior to the date signed. This authorization includes all health related information except psychotherapy notes.

1. _____
Key Applicant's Name Physician/Facility, Address and Phone Number
2. _____
Spouse's Name Physician/Facility, Address and Phone Number
3. _____
Child's Name Physician/Facility, Address and Phone Number
4. _____
Child's Name Physician/Facility, Address and Phone Number
5. _____
Child's Name Physician/Facility, Address and Phone Number

This authorization is valid for 30 months (24 months in Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas) from the date below. A photographic copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original for 30 months (24 months in Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas) from the date below.

I understand and acknowledge that:

1. Execution of this authorization is required for eligibility and enrollment onto this plan. Failure to execute this authorization will result in denial of my application for enrollment.
2. I have the right to revoke this authorization by notifying American Community in writing, except to the extent that American Community has taken action in reliance on this authorization.
3. American Community must comply with federal privacy laws when using or disclosing health information. There may be times when the health information may be disclosed to another entity and the health information may no longer be protected by federal privacy laws, and may be disclosed by that entity. Examples of the types of entities not subject to federal privacy laws include, but are not limited to, business associates American Community uses to administer its benefits, regulators, and law enforcement officials.
4. If there are specific state laws regarding specific health conditions for which we cannot use this form to obtain health information about you, we will ask you to sign a state specific authorization form.

1. _____
Signature of key applicant* Date Social Security Number Date of Birth
2. _____
Signature of spouse* Date Social Security Number Date of Birth
3. _____
Signature of dependent (age 18 and over)* Date Child's name Child's Social Security Number Date of Birth
4. _____
Signature of dependent (age 18 and over)* Date Child's name Child's Social Security Number Date of Birth
5. _____
Signature of dependent (age 18 and over)* Date Child's name Child's Social Security Number Date of Birth

*If under the age of 18, the parent or guardian must sign on the child's behalf and indicate their relationship next to their signature. If you are the individual's representative and are not the parent of a minor, you must attach documentary evidence of your authority to act as the individual's representative for this authorization to be valid.

Applicant MUST retain signed yellow copy

NOTICE OF YOUR PRIVACY RIGHTS

We know that your trust in us is very important. We are committed to protecting your privacy rights. Please read this document carefully. It discloses your privacy rights.

Obtaining Information About You - We may obtain information from your application, a telephone interview with you, claims history with us, policies you have or had with us, account balances and premium payment history, and other sources, such as health care providers (medical information), and consumer reporting agencies (credit reports). Your address, birthday, telephone number, social security number are examples of such information. You may have to share such information with us, our affiliates, agencies or others working with us.

Our Use of Personal Information - We will share such information only with companies associated with us. We, or your agent or broker may use your information to offer you products or help you choose a product.

We may, as permitted by the law and without your prior approval, give information about you to persons who do business for us, your agent or broker, other insurance companies, or other persons handling your business, insurance company support organizations, regulatory or law enforcement authorities; and our affiliated companies. Information obtained from a report prepared by an insurance-support organization may be retained by the insurance-support organization and disclosed to other persons.

Your Rights

- The right to access, inspect and copy the personal information pertaining to you that we maintain in our files about you.
- The right to request that we correct or amend any personal information that we have about you.

To exercise these rights, please send a written request to the attention of the Privacy Coordinator.

How We Protect Your Personal Information - We protect the information we share with companies working for us through an agreement. The agreement obligates those companies to keep your information confidential.

Only our employees who work to service your business see your personal information. We have trained our employees to closely follow our privacy rules for your protection. Your privacy rights will continue if you cease to be our customer.

THE REMAINDER OF 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.

We are required to maintain the privacy of your personal medical information and provide you with this notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices. We are required to abide by the terms of this notice. We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and to make any new provisions effective to all of the medical information that we maintain about you. If we revise this notice, we will provide you with a revised notice by mailing the revised notice to the address you have supplied us.

STATEMENT OF YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to know how we use or disclose your personal medical information. There are certain uses and disclosures of your personal medical information that we are permitted or required to make by law without your permission. In addition, you have:

- The right to request that we place additional restrictions on our uses and disclosures of your personal medical information, but we are not obligated to agree to any such restrictions.
- The right to access, inspect and copy the protected information pertaining to you that we maintain in our files, and the right to request that we correct or amend any personal medical information that we have about you.
- The right to receive an accounting of the disclosures of your personal medical information that we make for purposes other than activities related to your treatment, or our payment functions or other health care operations.
- The right to request that you receive communications of personal medical information in a confidential manner.
- The right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us on request.

To exercise these rights please send a written request to the attention of the Privacy Coordinator.

PERMISSIBLE USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED MEDICAL INFORMATION

Payment Functions. We may use or disclose your protected medical information without your permission to carry out activities relating to reimbursing you for the provision of health care, obtaining premiums, determining coverage, and providing benefits under the policy of insurance that you are purchasing. For example, payment functions may include (but are not limited to) reviewing health care services with respect to medical necessity, coverage under the policy, appropriateness of care, or justification of charges.

Health Care Operations. We may also use or disclose your protected medical information without your permission to carry out certain insurance-related activities. For example, these activities include using your protected information for

underwriting, premium rating, or other activities relating to the creation, renewal or replacement of another contract of health insurance, placing a contract for reinsurance of risk relating to claims for health care, and performing audit functions to ensure compliance and proper claims payment.

Group Health Plan. We may disclose your protected medical information to your employer as necessary for the purpose of reporting claims experience or conducting an audit if you are covered under an employer-based group health insurance plan.

Business Associates. We may disclose your protected medical information to our business associates. There are some services provided in our company through contracts with our business associates.

Uses Permitted By Law. We may also use or disclose your protected medical information without your written permission for purposes permitted or required by law.

Authorized Uses. All other disclosures of your protected medical information will be made only with your written permission, and any permission that you give us may be revoked by you at any time.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT MISUSE OF INFORMATION - If you believe your privacy rights have been violated you may complain either directly to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (H.H.S.). Please submit all complaints in writing to us or H.H.S. as follows:

American Community Mutual Insurance Company
Attn: Privacy Officer
39201 Seven Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (H.H.S.)
Attn: Secretary
200 Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

You will not be retaliated against in any way for filing a complaint.

OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION - Please call American Community at 1-800-991-2642 if you have any questions or comments.

Effective: December 1, 2007