

## Instructions for Completing HIPAA Privacy Authorization Form

*This form is a fillable PDF and can be electronically completed. If you intend to type information into this form, it is important to open the form with Adobe Reader. This is necessary in order to unlock the full potential of PDF forms. If you do not have Adobe Reader, please download the free software at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>*

You must authorize the release of the information in writing if you would like:

- To receive a copy of your own medical record, or
- send copies to someone else, or
- have some person other than yourself to have access to your medical records.
- A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is only effective after you have lost your capacity to make or communicate decisions, the Power of Attorney may not authorize release of medical information to the person named while you remain competent.

**Section 1:** fill in your name, address, birth date, phone number, and email. Please fill out as complete as possible, this helps to identify the correct records.

**Section 2:** tell us at which Munson Healthcare location(s) you had services.

**Section 3:** use this section to allow us to GET/retrieve records from another provider, facility, clinic, etc.

**Section 4:** specify what information you want us to send.

- Entire charts can be very large and contain information that is not needed for continuation of care. There may also be a charge for personal use.
- Do specify a date range, a date of service, a specific physician, a specific procedure, etc.
- If you have questions on what you should request, please feel free to contact the HIM Department at one of our locations listed at the end of the Authorization Form.

**Section 5** indicate what format you want us to send:

- paper
- email with PDF
- fax
- a CD, or a USB flash drive. *The Flash drive and CD are sent encrypted unless you agree to not having these encrypted. The cost for these will be included in the fee.*

**Section 6** who do you want to receive this information:

- yourself
- provider, clinic, hospital
- someone else
- Please completely fill out the address and contact information. How do you want us to send it USPS Mail, pick up in person (currently not available during Covid restrictions), encrypted Email, or fax?

**Section 7** check the purpose for request; personal, continuation of care, or other.

- This does not have to be specific, though if purpose is for continuation of care, those requests will be prioritized higher than a nonspecific reason.

**Section 8** sign to acknowledge you agree with the disclosure.

- If you would like the authorization to expire, please enter a date, otherwise it is valid for one year.
- We will validate your signature on file. If we do not have a recent signature we may ask for a copy of your ID, you can send a copy of your ID with your request to prevent any delays.

This form needs to be signed by the patient or by the personal representative of the patient, such as a parent if the patient is a minor.



## AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

### Section 1: Patient Information (please print/type)

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)
Home Phone Number (###-###-####)		Cell Number (###-###-####)		Email address	
Street Address			City	State	Zip

**Section 2:** I authorize Munson Healthcare facilities, clinics and providers (to include Cancer, Primary Care, etc.) to: Release information contained in my patient medical record **TO** the individuals or organizations identified in section 6 for the purposes and conditions designated on this form.

**Specify which Munson Healthcare location where services were received:**

**Section 3:** I authorize Munson Healthcare to get health information **FROM** this provider or facility:

SKIP SECTION 3 and proceed to SECTION 4 if you are not requesting MHC to get information FROM a provider or facility.

Name of provider/facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4: Specific Health Information to be released or disclosed:**

Provider reports & test results for dates of service from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Complete copy of my medical record for dates of service from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (charges may apply)

Other: (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of services: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE:** For drug and alcohol use treatment records please use form 1178 Behavioral Health and SUD Authorization for Release of Information.

**Section 5: Format**  Paper  PDF  on encrypted CD\*  on encrypted USB\* (\*may not be available at all locations)

Other electronic: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 6:** Select whom to send the protected health information and how to send it

MYSELF  USPS mail (to the address listed in section 1)  Fax to: \_\_\_\_\_ (limited to 25 pages)

Encrypted Email (listed in section 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Fax Number (###-###-####)

SEND TO \_\_\_\_\_  

Other Individual/Person Name	Company/Organization
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Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City	State	Zip	Phone Number (###-###-####)
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FAX TO \_\_\_\_\_ Attention: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code/Fax Number (###-###-####) Name of Recipient

ENCRYPTED EMAIL TO \_\_\_\_\_

Other delivery method (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information sent in an unencrypted email or on unencrypted media (DVD/flash drive) is not secure. The Health Information may be intercepted and seen by others. There are other risks with unencrypted email including misaddressed or misdirected messages, email accounts that are shared, messages forwarded to others, and messages that are stored on servers that have no security. By choosing to receive your Health Information by unencrypted email or on unencrypted media, you are acknowledging and accepting these risks.

**Section 7: Purpose of request/disclosure:**

- Personal use       Continuation/coordination of care
- Other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 8: By signing this Authorization patient or representative understands and consents to the disclosure of the information as stated within this document and agrees to the following:**

- I will not hold Munson Healthcare or its associated clinics liable for any misinterpretation of the information in my medical record as a result of not having consulted my care provider for the correct interpretation.
- Failure to provide all information requested on this release form may invalidate this Authorization.
- I may refuse to sign this Authorization and my health care cannot be conditioned upon signing this Authorization.
- My Protected Health Information that is used or disclosed under this Authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient, and the privacy of my Protected Health Information will no longer be protected by the law.
- I can revoke (cancel) this Authorization at any time, except in circumstances in which the facility has taken actions in response to this Authorization. I understand this revocation must be submitted in writing.
- The information that I am authorizing to be released may include, when applicable, information relating to sexually transmitted disease, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV infection, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS Related Complex). It may also include information about behavioral or mental health services, and reference a referral or treatment for alcohol and drug abuse (as permitted by CFR Part 2).

This authorization will expire one year from the date of signing or otherwise by my choice, in which case this consent will expire on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/other legal guardian or personal representative signature      Date      Time

Relationship to patient  if patient is a minor or incapable of signing, a copy of appropriate legal documentation is attached, if applicable

**PLEASE RETURN THIS DOCUMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION BELOW BY MAIL, FAX, EMAIL OR IN PERSON**

**MH Cadillac Hospital**  
 ATTN: HIM  
 400 Hobart St.  
 Cadillac, MI 49601  
 Fax: 231-876-7339  
 Email: CAD-ROI@mhc.net

**MH Charlevoix Hospital**  
 ATTN: HIM  
 14700 Lake Dr.  
 Charlevoix, MI 49720  
 Fax: 231-547-8891  
 Email: CHX-ROI@mhc.net

**MH Manistee Hospital**  
 ATTN: HIM  
 1465 E. Parkdale Ave.  
 Manistee, MI 49660  
 Fax: 231-398-1091  
 Email: MST-ROI@mhc.net

**MH Grayling Hospital and  
 MH Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital**  
 Fax: 312-836-7919  
 Email: Munson@VRCNetwork.com

**Kalkaska Memorial Health Center**  
 ATTN: HIM  
 419 S. Coral St.  
 Kalkaska, MI 49646  
 Fax: 231-935-7895  
 Email: KMH-ROI@mhc.net

**MH Otsego Memorial Hospital**  
 ATTN: HIM  
 825 N. Center Ave.  
 Gaylord, MI 49735  
 Fax: 989-731-6039  
 Email: OMH-ROI@mhc.net

**Munson Medical Center**  
 ATTN: HIM  
 1105 6th St.  
 Traverse City, MI 49684  
 Fax: 231-392-7308  
 Email: MMC-ROI@mhc.net

**For MH Physician office or other MH clinic records:**  
Submit this document directly to the office where care was received

**INTERNAL USE ONLY**

Request completed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name      Dept.      Date

Identification verified by driver's license/or other means: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name      Dept.      Date