AUTHORIZATION FORM

(For Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information)

In order for The Seneca Group to use or disclose Protected Health Information ("PHI") to someone other than you, you must complete this Authorization Form and return it to the Plan's Privacy Official,

The Seneca Group
68 South Service Road, Suite 100
Melville, NY 11747
631-577-4092
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In order for your medical information to be considered PHI, it must satisfy the following conditions: (a) your medical information must be "health information." Health information is broadly defined in the applicable HIPAA regulations as meaning any oral or recorded information relating to your past, present, or future physical or mental health, the provision of health care for you, or the payment of health care for you; (b) your medical information must be "individually identifiable." Individually identifiable health information is broadly defined in the applicable HIPAA regulations as health information that identifies or reasonably can be used to identify you (we may de-identify your individually identifiable health information by removing specific identifiers including, but not limited to your name, social security number, and address); and (c) your medical information must be "created or received" by a covered entity (this Plan and your doctor are covered entities under the applicable HIPAA regulations). Individually identifiable health information that is created or received by a covered entity is protected.

Except as permitted by law, the Plan may not use or disclose PHI to persons other than those you specify on this form. The Plan may request that you complete this form where the use or disclosure of information is necessary to carry out functions of the Plan. In addition, you may submit this form to the Plan because you want someone to request or receive your PHI from the Plan. This form is not needed if you are requesting your own PHI from the Plan. The Plan has a separate form for that type of request.

I, _____ (please print name), a Participant in _____, authorize the use and disclosure of my PHI as described in this Authorization Form.

AUTHORIZED PERSONS OF THE PLAN TO USE AND DISCLOSE PHI

The customer service department of Seneca Consulting Group dba The Seneca Group who assist in the Plan's administration are authorized persons to disclose PHI.

AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO RECEIVE AND USE PHI

The specific person(s) (or class of persons) listed below is an authorized person(s) (or class of persons) to receive and use PHI: **The customer service department of Seneca Consulting Group dba The Seneca Group** who assist in the Plan's administration are authorized persons to disclose PHI.

SPECIFIC AND MEANINGFUL DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED

Specific information necessary to process claim reimbursements under _____

VALIDITY OF AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Plan will provide a copy of this signed Authorization Form to you. This Authorization Form is valid until the earliest of:

(a) the date the Plan receives your Cancellation of Authorization Form; or
(b) one year from the date you sign this Authorization Form.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURE

I understand that:

(a) **I have the right to refuse to sign this Authorization Form and that the Plan may not condition Treatment, Payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits on whether I sign this Authorization Form except for limited circumstances;**
(b) **I have the right to revoke this Authorization Form at any time by submitting a Cancellation of Authorization Form to the Plan;**
(c) **the Cancellation of Authorization Form will take effect as of the cancellation date or event, or once the Plan receives the Cancellation of Authorization Form; and**
(d) **the specific person(s) or class of persons authorized to receive and use my PHI may not be required to treat this information as confidential.**

Signature:_____ Date: _____
Individual

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

If you are acting as the personal representative of the Participant whose PHI is to be disclosed and you sign this Authorization Form, you must provide proof of your authority to act for the Participant. You warrant that you have authority to sign this Authorization Form on the basis of:

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Signature:_____ Date: _____
Personal Representative