

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO: _____

RE: _____
Employee/Patient

Social Security No.

Date of Injury

Date of Birth

The purpose of this document, or a photocopy of same, is to allow the above-stated entity, facility or medical practitioner to release information to _____ in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws.

This release is authorized by O.C.G.A. §34-9-207 which reads as follows:

"When an employee has submitted a claim for workers' compensation benefits or is receiving payment of weekly income benefits or the employer has paid any medical expenses, that employee shall be deemed to have waived any privilege or confidentiality concerning any communications related to the claim or history or treatment of injury arising from the incident that the employee has had with any physician, including, but not limited to, communications with psychiatrists or psychologist. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, when requested by the employer any physician who has examined, treated, or tested the employee or consulted about the employee shall provide within a reasonable time and for a reasonable charge all information and records related to an examination, treatment, testing, or consultation concerning the employee."

"When an employee has submitted a claim for workers' compensation benefits or is receiving payment of weekly income benefits or the employer has paid any medical expenses, the employee shall provide the employer with a signed release for medical records and information related to the claim or history or treatment of injury arising from the incident, including information related to the treatment for any mental condition or drug or alcohol abuse. Said release shall designate the provider and shall state that it will expire on the date of the hearing. If the employee refuses to provide a signed release for medical information as required by this subsection, any weekly income benefits being received by the employee shall be suspended and no hearing shall be scheduled at the request of the employee until such signed release is provided."

The patient completely releases the entity, facility, or medical practitioner from any and all liability which may result or could result from the release of such information. This release is in compliance with Federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2), and anyone who receives information under this document receives the same under all protection of Federal and State law inuring to the patient.

This release shall expire upon Written notice of revocation by the patient, or upon the date of the hearing.

Date: _____

Employee/Patient

Willfully making a false statement for the purpose of obtaining or denying benefits is a crime subject to penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per violation (O.C.G.A. §34-9-18 and §34-9-19).