AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)

This authorization is for use or disclosure of protected health information pertaining to:

Patient Name: ______________________________________DOB:___________

Address:____

Telephone: ________________

I hereby authorize the following health care provider:

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To *release* my protected health information to:

Name: ____
Practice name or Individual

Address: ____

Fax Number: ______________________________

Purpose of disclosure:
Protected health information to be released:

- Medical records (specify, can state "all"):______________________________
- Billing records

Time frame: entire record records from __________ (date) to ___________ (date)

Your specific permission is required to disclose information regarding the following:
Check box and sign to specify protected health information to be disclosed

- Treatment by Mental Health Professional or Program ________________
- Drug/Alcohol Abuse _____________________
- HIV Test Results or Status ________________

(Maine law requires our practice to inform you that, if this information is misused, disclosing your HIV infection status may have consequences, such as negative treatment in your personal life or by insurance companies. It can be important for providing you needed services & healthcare.

Expiration: This authorization becomes effective immediately and shall expire on: _____________. If no date is given, this authorization is valid for **30 months** from signature date.

- I understand that I am not required to sign this form and Eyecare Medical Group will not condition treatment, payment for services, or eligibility for services on whether I sign this form. I understand that my refusal to sign may result in improper diagnosis or treatment, denial of coverage for health benefits or other insurance or other adverse consequences.

- I understand that PHI released pursuant to this authorization may include records generated by another healthcare provider or facility.

- I understand that I have the right to access or copy the PHI described in this form by making a written request to the Privacy Officer (Mary Pat Conroy) of this practice. A copying fee may be charged as permitted by law.

- I understand that I have the right to withdraw my authorization at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on this authorization. I understand that if I revoke this authorization, I must do so in writing and present my written revocation to the Privacy Officer at Eyecare Medical Group. I understand that revocation may be the basis for denial of health benefits or other insurance coverage or benefits.

- I understand that PHI used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be re-disclosed by the recipient and no longer be protected by confidentiality laws.

- I understand that PHI that includes alcohol or drug program information protected by federal law will require notice to the person receiving the information that it may not be shown to or shared with others without my express written permission.

- I understand that I have a right to receive a copy of this authorization.

Signed: ____

Date: ________________

Print name: ____
If signed by other than patient, indicate legal relationship: ___________________________