Instructions

Attestation Regarding a Requested Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information Potentially Related to Reproductive Health Care

Information for the Person Requesting the PHI

- By signing this attestation, you are verifying that you are not requesting PHI for a prohibited purpose and acknowledging that criminal penalties may apply if untrue.
- You may not add content that is not required or combine this form with another document except where another document is needed to support your statement that the requested disclosure is not for a prohibited purpose. For example, if the requested PHI is potentially related to reproductive health care that was provided by someone other than the covered entity or business associate from whom you are requesting the PHI, you may submit a document that supplies information that demonstrates a substantial factual basis that the reproductive health care in question was not lawful under the specific circumstances in which it was provided.

Information for the Covered Entity or Business Associate

- You may not rely on the attestation to disclose the requested PHI if any of the following is true:
  - It is missing any required element or statement or contains other content that is not required.
  - It is combined with other documents, except for documents provided to support the attestation.
  - You know that material information in the attestation is false.
- A reasonable covered entity or business associate in the same position would not believe the requestor's statement that the use or disclosure is not for a prohibited purpose as described above.
- If you later discover information that reasonably shows that any representation made in the attestation is materially false, leading to a use or disclosure for a prohibited purpose as described above, you must stop making the requested use or disclosure.
- You may not make a disclosure if the reproductive health care was provided by a person other than yourself and the requestor indicates that the PHI requested is for a prohibited purpose as described above, unless the requestor supplies information that demonstrates a substantial factual basis that the reproductive health care was not lawful under the specific circumstances in which it was provided.
- You must obtain a new attestation for each specific use or disclosure request.
- You must maintain a written copy of the completed attestation and any relevant supporting documents.

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The entire form must be completed for the attestation to be valid.

Name of person(s) or specific identification of the class of persons to receive the requested PHI.
Name or other specific identification of the person or class of persons from whom you are requesting the use or disclosure.
Description of specific PHI requested, including name(s) of individual(s), if practicable, or a description of the class of individuals, whose protected health information you are requesting.

I attest that the use or disclosure of PHI that I am requesting is not for a purpose prohibited by the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 CFR 164.502(a)(5)(iii) because of one of the following (check one box):

☐ The purpose of the use or disclosure of protected health information is **not** to investigate or impose liability on any person for the mere act of seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating reproductive health care or to identify any person for such purposes.

☐ The purpose of the use or disclosure of protected health information **is** to investigate or impose liability on any person for the mere act of seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating reproductive health care, or to identify any person for such purposes, but the reproductive health care at issue was **not lawful** under the circumstances in which it was provided.

I understand that I may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320d-6 if I knowingly and in violation of HIPAA obtain individually identifiable health information relating to an individual or disclose individually identifiable health information to another person.

Signature of the person requesting the PHI

_____ Date _____

If you have signed as a representative of the person requesting PHI*, provide a description of your authority to act for that person.*

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