

Consent for Sterilization

NOTICE: Your decision at any time not to be sterilized will **not** result in the withdrawal or withholding of any benefits provided by programs or projects receiving federal funds.

CONSENT TO STERILIZATION

I have requested and received information about sterilization from _____
doctor or clinic

When I first requested the information, I was informed the decision to be sterilized is completely up to me. I was also informed I could decide not to be sterilized. If I decide not to be sterilized, my decision will not affect my right to future care or treatment. I will not lose any help or benefits from programs receiving federal funds, such as Family Independence Program (FIP) or Medicaid that I am currently getting or for which I may become eligible.

I understand that the sterilization must be considered permanent and not reversible. I have decided that I do not want to become pregnant, bear children or father children.

I was informed of temporary methods of birth control that are available and could be provided to me that would allow me to bear or father a child in the future. I have rejected these alternatives and have chosen to be sterilized.

I understand that I will be sterilized by an operation known as a _____.

The discomforts, risks, and benefits with the operation have been explained to me. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that the operation will not be done until at least 30 days after I sign this form. I understand that I can change my mind at any time and that my decision at any time not to be sterilized will not result in the withholding of any benefits or medical services provided by federally funded programs.

I am at least 21 years of age and was born on _____.

I _____,
 hereby consent of my own free will to be sterilized by _____,
doctor

My consent expires 180 days from the date of my signature below. I also consent to the release of this form and other medical records about the operation to:

- Representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services or
 - Employees of programs or projects funded by that Department,
- but only for the purpose of determining if federal laws were observed. I have received a copy of this form.

Signature	Month	Day	Year
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The following race and ethnicity information is requested, but is not required:
 Race and ethnicity designation (please check):

- White (not of Hispanic origin) Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black (not of Hispanic origin) American Indian or Alaska Native
 Hispanic

INTERPRETER'S STATEMENT

If an interpreter is provided to assist the person to be sterilized:

I have translated the information and advice presented orally to the person to be sterilized by the person obtaining this consent. I have also read him/her the consent form in _____ language and explained its contents to him/her. To the best of my knowledge and belief he/she understood this explanation.

Interpreter	Date
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STATEMENT OF PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT

Before _____ signed the
name of person

consent form, I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation, _____, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks, and benefits associated with it.

I counseled the person to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available that are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent.

I informed the person to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or any benefits provided by federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the person to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequence of the procedure.

Signature of person obtaining consent	Date
Facility	
Address	

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

Shortly before I performed a sterilization operation upon _____
 _____ on _____

name of person to be sterilized *date of sterilization operation*

I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation _____, the fact that it is intended to be a
specify type of operation

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(Instructions for use of alternative final paragraphs: Use the first paragraph below except in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery where the sterilization is performed less than 30 days after the date of the person's signature on the consent form. In those cases, the second paragraph below must be used. Check the appropriate box below.

- At least 30 days have passed between the date of the person's signature on this consent form and the date the sterilization was performed.
 This sterilization was performed less than 30 days but more than 72 hours after the date of the person's signature on this consent form because of the following circumstances (check applicable box and fill in information requested):

- Premature delivery; person's expected date of delivery _____
 Emergency abdominal surgery; (describe circumstances): _____

Physician	Date
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