

Travis County Emergency Services District No. 12

Human Resources Department 11200 Gregg Lane • PO Box 846 Manor, TX 78653

O: 512-272-4502 • F: 512-428-5114

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

Important instructions for completing the application:

- Please TYPE or PRINT in BLACK INK. Applicant should retain a copy for your records.
- This application can be filled out electronically, save completed application as a unique file name and print.
- All initials and signatures must be in ink, no electronic signatures or initials will be accepted.
- Applications are accepted only for job titles for which recruitment is currently being conducted.
- All requested and required information must be completed on the application. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed.
- This application form and its attachments are official property of Travis County ESD No. 12 and will not be returned, reused or copied for you after being submitted. You should retain a copy of this application for future use or reference.
- Excessive or nonessential attachments will not be referred to the hiring department. Only information necessary to complete the application should be attached. Examples of work, awards, letters, etc., may be taken to the interview.
- If more space is needed to give full answers or explanations additional sheets referencing the item number, your name, social security number and job title applied for. Staple attachments to the application.
- Only United States citizens or aliens who are legally entitled to work in the United States are eligible for employment.
- Travis County ESD No. 12 affords equal employment opportunity to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, qualified disability status or veteran status.
- If you require an accommodation of have questions during the application/interview process, please call the Administrative Offices of Travis County ESD No. 12 at 512-272-4502.
- Reimbursement for travel expenditures during an interview process or drug screen is not available unless otherwise advised.
- Ensure you meet the minimum qualifications for each position.
- Applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Administration Office or by mail.

Applications may be mailed to: Travis County ESD No. 12 – PO Box 846 – Manor, TX 78653

Applications may be dropped off at: 11200 Gregg Lane – Manor, TX 78653

Emailed or Faxed applications will not be accepted.

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Name:	Last 4 SSN:	

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Applicant Checklist

Assemble your application packet in the following order and include this form with your submittal: Initial beside each item included:
COMPLETED APPLICATION
DRIVING RECORD REPORT (Department of Public Safety Type 3A)
CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT (Department of Public Safety)
COPY OF LIABILITY INSURANCE
COPY OF DRIVER LICENSE (Must be physical address)
COPY OF H.S. DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS (Unofficial or Official)
COPY OF ALL CERTIFICATIONS (Certifications must be valid and in date)
SIGNED RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION FORM (HIPPA)
Applicant shall submit the above information in one of the following ways:
Mail your application and supporting documents, in a sealed envelope to: Travis County ESD No. 12 Attn: Human Resources Department P.O. Box 846 Manor, Texas 78653
Or
Drop off application and supporting documents in a sealed envelope to the Travis County ESD No. 12 Fire Department Main Station: Travis County ESD No. 12 Attn: Human Resources Department 11200 Gregg Lane Manor, TX 78653

Name:		Last 4 SSN:	
Travis County	ESD No. 12 – APPLI	ICATION for MEN	<u>MBERSHIP</u>
Volunteer or PAII	Position Applying For		Application Received:
Your interest in joining the fire doperation requires that we careful of this application is required. Place of the second of th	ally screen applicants. Your hone	est and careful completion	
			APPLICANT ID#
NAME		APPLICATION DATE _	
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ADDRESS	CITY	51	ZIP
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE	CEL1	Ĺ
EMAIL ADDRESS (personal):		SOCIAL SECURITY NO).
DRIVER LICENSE NO.	STATE		RESTRICTIONS
	of driver license and a copy of cur		
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN If less than NOTE – If you have lived in the state required to obtain your driving recorwith this application. Emergency Contact	e five (5) years, list all addresses of	residency outside the state of To	r in another state, you will be
Address	7 ()	Relationship	
Beneficiary		Phone	
Address		Relationship	
EDUCATION LEVEL – HIGH So You must be a high school graduate		EQUIVALENT?	
COLLEGE?			. YES NO
CREDIT HOURS	DEGREES		
MILITARY SERVICE?			YES NO
IF YES, HOW LONG	TYPE OF DISCH		
If YES, you must provide a copy of y	our discharge papers. DD 214 or l	NGB 22.	

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Name:	Last 4 SSN:	
PERSON	AL RECORD	
A poor driving record and/or certain criminal histories commember/employee, periodic personal driving record and a should also understand and agree that controlled substance accident investigation and/or on a periodic, unannounced results may result in your dismissal from the department CONFIDENTIAL . Only those people directly involved in information.	criminal history checks may be made by (drug) testing may be required by the ded basis. Refusal to participate in this tot. YOUR DRIVING AND CRIMINA	y the department. You epartment as part of an esting or positive test AL RECORDS ARE
APPLICANTS MUST MAINTAIN VALID PROOF OF PERSONA	AL AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE; ATTAC	H PROOF OR COPY.
LIST ALL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS OR CHARGEABLE A NONE BELOW.	CCIDENTS FOR THE PAST TEN (10) Y	EARS OR INDICATE
DRIVING RECORD:		
HAS YOUR DRIVER LICENSE EVER BEEN REVOKED (OR SUSPENDED? YE	ES NO
IN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS HAVE YOU HAD AN APP LICENSE DENIED?		ES NO
IN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN CONVI	ICTED OF:	
WRECKLESS DRIVING?	YI	ES NO
2 OR MORE MOVING VIOLATIONS?	YI	ES NO
DUI OR DWI?	YI	ES NO
CRIMINAL HISTORY		
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED OR CONVICTED OF	F A FELONY? YE	ES NO
IN THE LAST SEVEN (7) YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN CON MISDEMEANOR?		ES NO
ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON OR EVER BEEN ON PROBA		ES NO
ARE THERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING AGA	AINST YOU? YE	ES NO
If you answered "YES" to any of the above four quest	tions, please explain the circumstances on a separ	ate sheet.
Any changes to DRIVING RECORDS and CRIMINAL H	ISTORY must be reported to the departm	ent within 48 hours.
Applicant must provide a copy of DPS Licensee Driving Reco (Service Code 11FT12). These reports shall not be dated more	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Applicant initials	PAGE 4 OF 12
APPLICANTS SIGNATURE DATE		

Name:	Last 4 SSN:
	EMPLOYMENT HISTORY
volunteer, part-time, temporary, self-emp	your most recent job. List your work history for the last 8 years including ployment and military jobs. Provide a detailed description of duties performed tion of this section. You may attach additional pages in the same format if more
ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?	YES NO
EMPLOYER	MAY WE CONTACT? YES NO
ADDRESS	CITY STATE,ZIP
YOUR JOB TITLE	FROMTO
REASON FOR LEAVING	ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE? YES NO
SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S PHONE #
SUPERVISOR'S EMAIL	
DUTIES PERFORMED	
EMPLOYER	MAY WE CONTACT? YES NO
ADDRESS	CITY STATE,ZIP
YOUR JOB TITLE	
REASON FOR LEAVING	ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE? YES NO
SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S PHONE #
SUPERVISOR'S EMAIL	
DUTIES PERFORMED	
EMPLOYER	MAY WE CONTACT? YES NO
ADDRESS	CITY STATE,ZIP
YOUR JOB TITLE	FROM TO
REASON FOR LEAVING	ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE? YES NO
SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S PHONE #
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Name:	Last 4 SSN:	
EMPLO	OYMENT HISTORY CONTINUED	
EMPLOYER	MAY WE CONTACT? YES	NO
ADDRESS	CITY STATE,ZIP	
YOUR JOB TITLE	FROM TO	
REASON FOR LEAVING	ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE? YES	NO
SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S PHONE #	
SUPERVISOR'S EMAIL		
DUTIES PERFORMED		
EMPLOYER	MAY WE CONTACT? YES	NO
	CITY STATE,ZIP	
YOUR JOB TITLE	FROMTO	
REASON FOR LEAVING	ELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE? YES	NO
SUPERVISOR'S NAME	SUPERVISOR'S PHONE #	
SUPERVISOR'S EMAIL		
DUTIES PERFORMED		
EMPLOYERADDRESSYOUR JOB TITLE	MAY WE CONTACT? YES	
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	SUPERVISOR'S PHONE #	Ш
DUTIES PERFORMED		
		NO
IF YES, WHERE?		
ADDITIONAL PAGES ATTACHED?	YES I	NO

Name:	Last 4 SSN:
JOB RELATED EX	PERIENCE _
ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATIONS Attach condocuments). i.e. NIMS CLASSES, TEEX CLASSES, PRO BOARD, NWCO	
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) Briefly describe y all certification(s). (Applicant should keep original documents).	your EMS experience and duties. Attach copies of
an certification(s). (Applicant should keep original documents).	
TX. DEPT. OF HEALTH CERTIFICATION LEVEL (ECA, EM	T, EMT-I, EMT-P) NUMBER
Attach copies of EMS Certification(s). (Applicant should keep orig	ginal documents). EXPIRES
ADDITIONAL SKILL SETS AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS Y	OU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW

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MEDICAL STATEMENT AND QUESTIONNAIRE

APPLICANT must include a signed AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION FORM.

This form to remain confidential.

NAME			DATE			
HOME PHONE DATE OF BIRTH		CELL PHO	NE			
		HEIGHT	WEIGH	IT		
DC	OCTOR'S NAME		PHONE			
	ease describe, in your own words, the gene					
			-10			
Fir	efighting, rescue operations and EMS act	tivities can be physically and e	emotionally stressful.			
Do	you have any condition or disability that	might prevent or restrict your	activities?	YES	NO	
If Y	YES, explain					
	ISWER EACH ITEM YES OR NO. EXPLACE IS REQUIRED, USE THE BACK PA				ΓΙΟΝΑL	
A.	Do you have limited vision or blindness in e	ither eye?	Y	ES	NO	
B.	Do you wear glasses or contact lenses? If ye	s, what is your uncorrected vision	1? Y	ES	NO	
C.	Have you had a tetanus shot? If yes, provide	e date of last shot	Y	ES	NO	
D.	Have you ever lived with anyone who had tu	ıberculosis?	Y	ES	NO	
E.	Do you have any allergies?		У	ES	NO	
F.	Have you ever attempted suicide?		Y	ES	NO	
G.	Are you taking any medication for a chronic	condition?	У	ES	NO	
H.	Have you used any illegal or illicit drugs in	the last five (5) years?	У	ES	NO	
I.	Have you ever been treated for a mental con	dition?	У	ES	NO	
J.	Have you ever been denied life or health ins	urance?	У	ES	NO	
K.	Have you ever been advised to have any med	dical procedure or surgery?	У	ES	NO	
L.	Do you have any sensitivity to dust, sunlight	t, or chemicals?	Y	ES	NO	
M.	Have you been hospitalized within the past y	year?	У	ES	NO	
N.	Are you unable to perform some motions, lit	ft heavy objects or assume some p	positions? Y	ES	NO	
Ο.	`Do you use tobacco products?		Y	ES	NO	
P.	Have you ever coughed up blood?		У	ES	NO	
Q.	Are you under a physician's care for a comm	nunicable disease?	У	ES	NO	
R.	Have you ever been knocked out or lost con-	sciousness?	7	ES	NO	

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Name: Last 4 SSN:			
,	WORK RELATED PROFES	SSIONAL REFEREN	CES
	nal references that you have known at leas repted without five (5) references, all field		not related to you in any way.
1) NAME:		JOB TITLE:	
YEARS KNOWN:	(Check One) SUPERVISOR:	OR CO-WORKER	OR OTHER
COMPANY NAME/JOB 7	FITLE:		
ADDRESS:			
CONTACT PHONE NUM	BER:	EMAIL:	
2) NAME:		JOB TITLE:	X
YEARS KNOWN:	(Check One) SUPERVISOR:	OR CO-WORKER	OR OTHER
COMPANY NAME/JOB 7	FITLE:		
ADDRESS:			
CONTACT PHONE NUM	BER:	EMAIL:	
3) NAME:		JOB TITLE:	
YEARS KNOWN:	(Check One) SUPERVISOR:	OR CO-WORKER	OR OTHER
COMPANY NAME/JOB 7	FITLE:		
ADDRESS:	X		
CONTACT PHONE NUM	IBER:	EMAIL:	
4) NAME:		JOB TITLE:	
YEARS KNOWN:	(Check One) SUPERVISOR:	OR CO-WORKER	OR OTHER
COMPANY NAME/JOB	NITLE:		
ADDRESS:			
CONTACT PHONE NUM	BER:	EMAIL:	
5) NAME:		JOB TITLE:	
YEARS KNOWN:	(Check One) SUPERVISOR:	OR CO-WORKER	OR OTHER
COMPANY NAME/JOB 7	ritle:		
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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Name:	Last 4 SSN:
<u>P</u>	ERSONAL REFERENCES
	have known at least five (5) years or more, and are not related to you in any way, . Application will not be accepted without five (5) references, all fields must be
	YEARS KNOWN:
OCCUPATION:	JOB TITLE:
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:	EMAIL:
2) NAME:	YEARS KNOWN:
OCCUPATION:	JOB TITLE:
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4) NAME:	YEARS KNOWN:
OCCUPATION:	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:	
5) NAME:	YEARS KNOWN:
OCCUPATION:	JOB TITLE:
ADDRESS:	
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Name:	Last 4 SSN:	
RELEASE OF PERS	SONAL INFORMATION	
	DUGHLY AND CAREFULLY	
THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT	LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK, DO NOT TYPE	
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The intent of this authorization is to give my consent to institutions, financial or credit institutions (including ragencies (including credit reports and or ratings and off records, polygraph records, employment and pre-employer complaints or grievances filed by or against me and the counsel, whether representing myself or another person in have had interest. I understand that any information obtained developed directly or indirectly (in whole or in part), upon suitability for service by Travis County ESD No. 12/Ma provide information about me, whether supplied by a gow which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information original thereof, even though the said photocopy or fax	ecords of loans), the records of commercial or her financial statements and records wherever file ment records, including background reports, efficie the records and recollections of Attorneys at Law, in any case either criminal or civil, in which I present and this release authorization will be considered in deter anor Fire Department. I do hereby release said per vernment organization or individual, from any and mation. A photocopy or fax copy of this release will	retail credit ed), medical ency ratings, or of other ntly have or on, which is ermining my rson(s) who all liability, I be valid as
Applicant Signature		_
Applicant Address City, State, Zip		_
Applicant Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)		_
Social Security Number Driver Lic	ense State Number	
This portion to be filled out by a Notary Public:		
This portion to be filled out by a Notary Public: State of; County of, on this day personally appeared		
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Notary Public Signature and Personalized Seal/Stamp

Name: Last 4 SSN:
ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION
Drug Free Work Environment : Travis County ESD No. 12 is committed to providing a safe, efficient, drug-free work environment for all employees. In keeping with this commitment, finalists for all job openings will be required to provide body fluids (blood or urine) to determine the use of alcohol, illegal or controlled substances. Failure of the drug/alcohol screen will result in denial of employment.
Falsification of Information: I hereby certify that all statements made on this application and attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement, misrepresentation or omission made by me on this application or subsequent interview(s) could cause me to be ineligible for employment or terminated from employment. I further understand that I am required to abide by all rules and regulations of Travis County ESD No. 12.
Verification of Information: I authorize Travis County ESD No. 12 and its agents to investigate and verify the facts claimed by me on this application. I further authorize my former employers to provide any information requested by Travis County ESD No. 12. I understand that employment processing may include a criminal background check, drug screening and/or review of my driving record. I hereby release Travis County ESD No. 12 and its agents from liability in making any investigation and inquiry relative to information contained in the application form.
I understand that nothing in this application or in any prior or subsequent written or oral statement creates a contract of employment or any rights in the nature of a contract. I agree to submit to a medical examination and drug screening, if required.
[Applicant's Initials] I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE ABOVE STATEMENTS
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE DATE:
APPLICANT'S NAME PRINTED AS SIGNED
DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – OFFICE USE ONLY APPLICATION CHECKED FOR COMPLETION
REFERENCES CHECKED

APPLICATION CHECKED BY_____

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___ DATE _____

SIGNATURE



AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Developed for Texas Health & Safety Code § 181.154(d) effective June 2013

Please read this entire form before signing and complete all the sections that apply to your decisions relating to the disclosure

NAME OF PATIENT OR INDIVIDUAL

of protected health information. Covered entities as that term is defined by HIPAA and Texas Health & Safety Code § 181.001 must obtain a signed authorization from the individual or the individual's legally authorized representative to electronically disclose that individual's protected health information. Authorization is not required for disclosures related to treatment, payment, health care operations, performing certain insurance functions, or as may be otherwise authorized by law. Covered entities may use this form or any other form that complies with HIPAA, the Texas Medical Privacy Act, and other applicable laws. Individuals cannot be denied treatment based on a failure to sign this authorization form, and a refusal to sign this form will not affect the payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits.	Last OTHER NAME(S) USED DATE OF BIRTH Month ADDRESS CITY PHONE () EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional):	STATI	Year EZIP E ()
AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING TO DISCLOSE THE INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION:	'S PROTECTED HEALTH		OR DISCLOSURE ly one option below)
Person/Organization Name: Travis County Emergency Servio Address P. O BOX 846 City: MANOR State: TX Zip Code: 78653 Phone: (512) 272-4502 Fax: (512) 428-5114	ces District No. 12	□ Persona	or Claims
WHO CAN RECEIVE AND USE THE HEALTH INFORMATION?		□ Legal P	
Person/Organization Name: Travis County Emergency Servio Address P. O BOX 846 City: MANOR State: TX Zip Code: 78653 Phone: (512) 272-4502 Fax: (512) 428-5114	ces District No. 12	☐ Disabilit☐ School☐ Employs☐ Other	ty Determination
WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE DISCLOSED? Complete the following by patient is required for the release of some of these items. If all health info			
□ All health information □ History/Physical Exam □ Physician's Orders □ Patient Allergies □ Progress Notes □ Discharge Summary □ Pathology Reports □ Billing Information	 □ Past/Present Medications □ Operation Reports □ Diagnostic Test Reports □ Radiology Reports & Image 		□ Lab Results □ Consultation Reports □ EKG/Cardiology Reports □ Other
Your initials are required to release the following information:			
	Genetic Information (includi		st Results)
EFFECTIVE TIME PERIOD. This authorization is valid until the earing the age of majority; or permission is withdrawn; or the following s			
RIGHT TO REVOKE: I understand that I can withdraw my permissic chorization to the person or organization named under "WHO CAN prior actions taken in reliance on this authorization by entities that	N RECEIVE AND USE THE HI	EALTH INFOR	RMATION." I understand that
SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION: I have read this form and agree derstand that refusing to sign this form does not stop disclosures otherwise permitted by law without my specific authorization ed by Texas Health & Safety Code § 181.154(c) and/or 45 Cant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure by the recommendation.	re of health information that n or permission, including dis C.F.R. § 164.502(a)(1). I unde	has occurred sclosures to erstand that	prior to revocation or that covered entities as provid- information disclosed pursu-
SIGNATURE XSignature of Individual or Individual's Logally Aut	shouled Donucoontative	_	DATE
Signature of Individual or Individual's Legally Aut	monzea Hepresentative		DATE
Printed Name of Legally Authorized Representative (if applicable): If representative, specify relationship to the individual: ☐ Parent of minor	r 🗆 Guardian 🗆 O	ther	
A minor individual's signature is required for the release of certain types of tain types of reproductive care, sexually transmitted diseases, and drug, a Code § 32.003).			
SIGNATURE X		_	
Signature of Minor Individual			DATE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Developed for Texas Health & Safety Code § 181.154(d) effective June 2013

The Attorney General of Texas has adopted a standard Authorization to Disclose Protected Health Information in accordance with Texas Health & Safety Code § 181.154(d). This form is intended for use in complying with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Privacy Standards (HIPAA) and the Texas Medical Privacy Act (Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 181). Covered Entities may use this form or any other form that complies with HIPAA, the Texas Medical Privacy Act, and other applicable laws.

Covered entities, as that term is defined by HIPAA and Texas Health & Safety Code § 181.001, must obtain a signed authorization from the individual or the individual's legally authorized representative to electronically disclose that individual's protected health information. Authorization is not required for disclosures related to treatment, payment, health care operations, performing certain insurance functions, or as may be otherwise authorized by law. (Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 181.154(b),(c), § 241.153; 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.502(a)(1); 164.506, and 164.508).

The authorization provided by use of the form means that the organization, entity or person authorized can disclose, communicate, or send the named individual's protected health information to the organization, entity or person identified on the form, including through the use of any electronic means.

Definitions - In the form, the terms "treatment," "healthcare operations," "psychotherapy notes," and "protected health information" are as defined in HIPAA (45 CFR 164.501). "Legally authorized representative" as used in the form includes any person authorized to act on behalf of another individual. (Tex. Occ. Code § 151.002(6); Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 166.164, 241.151; and Tex. Probate Code § 3(aa)).

Health Information to be Released - If "All Health Information" is selected for release, health information includes, but is not limited to, all records and other information regarding health history, treatment, hospitalization, tests, and outpatient care, and also educational records that may contain health information. As indicated on the form, specific authorization is required for the release of information about certain sensitive conditions, including:

- · Mental health records (excluding "psychotherapy notes" as defined in HIPAA at 45 CFR 164.501).
- · Drug, alcohol, or substance abuse records.
- · Records or tests relating to HIV/AIDS.
- · Genetic (inherited) diseases or tests (except as may be prohibited by 45 C.F.R. § 164.502).

Note on Release of Health Records - This form is not required for the permissible disclosure of an individual's protected health information to the individual or the individual's legally authorized representative. (45 C.F.R. §§ 164.502(a)(1)(i), 164.524; Tex. Health & Safety Code § 181.102). If requesting a copy of the individual's health records with this form, state and federal law allows such access, unless such access is determined by the physician or mental health provider to be harmful to the individual's physical, mental or emotional health. (Tex. Health & Safety Code §§ 181.102, 611.0045(b); Tex. Occ. Code § 159.006(a); 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(a)(1)). If a healthcare provider is specified in the "Who Can Receive and Use The Health Information" section of this form, then permission to receive protected health information also includes physicians, other health care providers (such as nurses and medical staff) who are involved in the individual's medical care at that entity's facility or that person's office, and health care providers who are covering or on call for the specified person or organization, and staff members or agents (such as business associates or qualified services organizations) who carry out activities and purposes permitted by law for that specified covered entity or person. If a covered entity other than a healthcare provider is specified, then permission to receive protected health information also includes that organization's staff or agents and subcontractors who carry out activities and purposes permitted by this form for that organization. Individuals may be entitled to restrict certain disclosures of protected health information related to services paid for in full by the individual (45 C.F.R. § 164.522(a)(1)(vi)).

Authorizations for Sale or Marketing Purposes - If this authorization is being made for sale or marketing purposes and the covered entity will receive direct or indirect remuneration from a third party in connection with the use or disclosure of the individual's information for marketing, the authorization must clearly indicate to the individual that such remuneration is involved. (Tex. Health & Safety Code §181.152, .153; 45 C.F.R. § 164.508(a)(3), (4)).

Limitations of this form - This authorization form shall not be used for the disclosure of any health information as it relates to: (1) health benefits plan enrollment and/or related enrollment determinations (45 C.F.R. § 164.508(b)(4)(ii), .508(c)(2)(ii); (2) psychotherapy notes (45 C.F.R. § 164.508(b)(3)(ii); or for research purposes (45 C.F.R. § 164.508(b)(3)(i)). Use of this form does not exempt any entity from compliance with applicable federal or state laws or regulations regarding access, use or disclosure of health information or other sensitive personal information (e.g., 42 CFR Part 2, restricting use of information pertaining to drug/alcohol abuse and treatment), and does not entitle an entity or its employees, agents or assigns to any limitation of liability for acts or omissions in connection with the access, use, or disclosure of health information obtained through use of the form.

Charges - Some covered entities may charge a retrieval/processing fee and for copies of medical records.

(Tex. Health & Safety Code § 241.154).

Right to Receive Copy - The individual and/or the individual's legally authorized representative has a right to receive a copy of this authorization.