

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

As a condition of coverage and of my enrollment in the policy, I authorize any medical professional, medical care institution, pharmacy related service organization, pharmacy benefits manager, or other provider of health care services or supplies, as well as any individual, company or prior insurance carrier possessing relevant medical, health, treatment or payment information, to provide Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield and its affiliates or agents information concerning services, supplies, benefits or payments provided or denied to me or to any family member listed in my application, including but not limited to any and all protected health information related to treatments where a restriction was requested for any health care item or service in relation to the health care provider having been paid in full out-of-pocket. I understand that information obtained as a result of this authorization will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility for coverage. This information may also be used by Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield in investigating and adjudicating claims for benefits. I understand that in the course of its business operations, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield may disclose this information to others as required or permitted by law and as set out in the Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield Notice of Privacy Practices. I understand that information re-disclosed may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations. This authorization does not provide for the disclosure of psychotherapy notes as defined in 45 CFR §164.501. I understand that I may terminate this authorization by sending a written revocation to Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, 601 Gaines, Little Rock, AR 72201. However, if I revoke this authorization before I am enrolled in the policy(ies), my application for coverage will be denied. Unless I revoke this authorization, it shall be valid for 30 months from the date of my signature for information collected in connection with review of this application; it is valid for the duration of the coverage for information collected in connection with investigation of claims. Both the federal government and the State of Arkansas have enacted electronic signature laws, which allow the use of electronic signatures in all areas of commerce. See the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act 15 USC §§ 7001 *et seq.*, the Arkansas Electronic Records and Signatures Act A.C.A. §§25-31-101 *et seq.* and the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, A.C.A. §§25-31-101 *et seq.* Electronic signatures are specifically authorized in the business of insurance. See 15 USC §§ 7001(i).

This authorization must be signed by the proposed insured.

Proposed Insured's Name
Please Print

Signature

Date