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Authorization for Release of Medical Billing

Please be advised beginning April 14, 2003, all requests/authorizations for patient medical and/or billing records must meet federal guidelines specified under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) Privacy Rule (45CFR§164.508).

I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information as described below.

Date of Birth _____ Social Security No. _____

Approximate Date(s) of Treatment _____

Name of Hospital or Facility where treatment was rendered ______

Person/Entity Authorized to Release Information:

MedAmerica Billing Services, Inc. (MBSI) dba Vituity 1601 Cummins Drive, Suite D Modesto, CA 95358

Person/Entity Authorized to Receive Information:

1. Information to be released: <u>Billing Records and Account Information</u>

2. Purpose of the disclosure: <u>At the request of the individual</u>

3. This authorization shall expire one year from the date signed.

4. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying MBSI. The revocation will not be valid if:

(a) MBSI has taken action in reliance on this authorization, or

(b) if this authorization is obtained as a condition for obtaining insurance coverage, other law provides the insurer with the right to contest a claim under the policy or the policy itself.

5. I understand that the information released by this authorization may be redisclosed by the recipient and no longer protected by federal privacy regulations; however, California law prohibits the recipient from making further disclosure of the information unless written authorization for such disclosure is obtained from me or unless such disclosure is specifically required or permitted by law.

6. I understand that I may obtain a copy of this authorization upon request.

Signature of	patient	

Date

Printed name of patient

If you are not the patient, but a personal representative of the patient [as defined under California Civil Code § 56.11 (c)(2)(3)(4)], please sign and print your name and attach proof of the same to this authorization.

Personal representative (next-of-kin or legal guardian) to sign <u>only</u> if patient is a minor, legally incompetent, or deceased.

Signature of patient's representative

Date

Printed name of patient's representative

Relationship to patient or authority to act for the patient

* Please note: The release of information regarding mental health, drug and/or alcohol abuse and HIV/AIDS test results requires a specific authorization and no such information shall be released pursuant to this authorization.