## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

## CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.,

PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM

PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 2327

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## THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES

## PRETRIAL ORDER # 40

(Plaintiff Fact Sheet)

The parties have agreed to and submitted for entry, the attached Plaintiff Fact Sheet ("PFS") with Verifications and Authorizations.<sup>1</sup> It is **ORDERED** as follows:

- (1) Pursuant to PTO # 33, the 30 plaintiffs chosen by the parties for the Discovery Pool must complete the PFSs and Verification(s) and Authorizations by **April 8, 2013**;
- (2) The PFSs, Verification(s) and Authorizations must be submitted to the following addresses electronically:

Plaintiffs - Rbaggett@awkolaw.com (Renee Baggett) and

tcartmell@wcllp.com (Tom Cartmell)

Ethicon - RDavis@tcspllc.com (Robyn Davis) and

jan.thomas@butlersnow.com (Jan Thomas)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PFS, with the attached Verifications and Authorizations can be found on the court's website at www.wvsd.uscourts.gov under the Ethicon MDL, Plaintiff Fact Sheet. The Authorizations are the same as those used for the Plaintiff Profile Form.

(3) Any plaintiff who fails to comply with the PFS obligations under this order, including

failure to timely submit a PFS or failure to submit a substantially complete PFS, may, for

good cause shown, be subject to sanctions to be determined by the court, upon motion of

the defendants. The court expects the parties to meet and confer before such a motion is

filed, and will adjudicate such motions on an expedited basis.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-2327 and it shall

apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district,

which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:13-cv-

03785. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be

provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the

complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent

pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon

removal or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial

orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system

or the court's website at www.wvsd.uscourts.gov.

ENTER: March 6, 2013

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	Name of Plaintiff	
Civil Action No.:		
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO		
IN RE: ETHICON, INC. PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	MDL No. 2327	

#### PLAINTIFF FACT SHEET

Each plaintiff who allegedly suffered injury as a result of a pelvic mesh product manufactured or sold by Ethicon, Inc. must complete this Plaintiff Fact Sheet. In completing this Fact Sheet, you are under oath and must answer every question and provide information that is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. If you cannot recall all of the details requested, please provide as much information as you can and then state that your answer is incomplete and explain why as appropriate. If you select an "I Don't Know" answer, please state all that you do know about that subject. If any information you need to complete any part of the Fact Sheet is in the possession of your attorney, please consult with your attorney so that you can fully and accurately respond to the questions set out below. If you are completing the Fact Sheet for someone who cannot complete the Fact sheet herself, please answer as completely as you can.

The Fact Sheet shall be completed in accordance with the requirements and guidelines set forth in the applicable Case Management Order. A completed Fact Sheet shall be considered interrogatory answers pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 33 and 34 and will be governed by the standards applicable to written discovery under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 through 37. You must supplement your responses if you learn that they are incomplete or incorrect in any material respect. The questions and requests for production contained in the Fact Sheet are non-objectionable and shall be answered without objection. This Fact Sheet shall not preclude Defendants from seeking additional documents and information on a reasonable, case-by-case basis pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and as permitted by the applicable Case Management Order.

In filling out this form, please use the following definition: "healthcare provider" means any doctor, physician, surgeon, pharmacist, hospital, clinic, center, physician's office, infirmary, medical or diagnostic laboratory, or other facility that provides medical care or advice, and any pharmacy, x-ray department, radiology department, laboratory, physical therapist or physical therapy department, rehabilitation specialist, chiropractor, or other persons or entities involved in the diagnosis, care and/or treatment of you.

In filling out this form, the terms "You" or "Your" refer to the person who received pelvic mesh product(s) manufactured or sold by Ethicon, Inc. and who is identified in Question I.1 (a) below.

To the extent that the form does not provide enough space to complete your responses or answers, please attach additional sheets as necessary.

## I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1) Please state:
  - a. Full name of the person who received the pelvic mesh product(s), including maiden name:
  - b. Full name of the person completing this form, if different from the person listed in 1 (a) above, and the relationship of the person completing this form to the person listed in 1 (a) above:
  - c. The name and address of your primary attorney:
- 2) Your Social Security Number:
- 3) Your date of birth:
- 4) Your current residence address:

If you have lived at this address for less than 10 years, provide each of your prior residence addresses from 2000 to the present:

**Prior Address** 

**Dates You Lived At This Address** 

5)	Have you ever been	n married? Yes	No			
	If yes, provide the marriage to each pe		s of each spouse and t	he inclusiv	ve dates of your	
6)	Do you have childr	ren? <b>Yes No</b>	-			
	If Yes, please provide the following information with respect to each child:					
Full	Name of Child	Date of Birth	Home Address (if different from your		Whether ogical/Adopted	
7)	Identify the name relationship to your		rson who currently re	esides with	n you and their	
8)	•	• •	ry schools you attended ation with respect to ea		with high school	
	Name of School	Address		Degree warded	Major or Primary Field	

9)	Please provide the years up until the	•	ntion for your employs	ment history over	r the past 10
Em	ployer Name	Addresses	Job Title/ Description of Duties	Dates of Employment	Salary/Rate of Pay
10)	Have you ever ser	ved in any branch o	f the military? <b>Yes</b>	_ No	
	If Yes, please pro	vide the following i	nformation:		
	a. Branch and dereceived:	lates of service, ra	nk upon discharge an	d the type of di	ischarge you
	~	•	nilitary at any time fo	~	ating to your
	If Yes, state what	that condition was:			
11)		n years, have you bedishonesty? <b>Yes</b>	een convicted of, or pl No	lead guilty to, a f	felony and/or
	If Yes, please set	forth where, when a	and the felony and/or ca	rime:	

## II. CLAIM INFORMATION

1)

Please complete the following chart for each implanted Ethicon, Inc. pelvic mesh

product. Insert additional lines as necessary. **Pelvic Mesh Product and Date and Location of** Reason for **Implanting Doctor** lot number (if sticker **Implant Implant** and Address affixed, so indicate) Product No. 1: Product No. 2: Product No. 3: For each pelvic mesh product identified above, describe your understanding of the 2) medical condition for which you received the pelvic mesh product(s): 3) For each Ethicon, Inc. pelvic mesh product identified above, indicate if, prior to implantation, you received any written and/or verbal information or instructions, including any risks or complications that might be associated with the use of the product(s)? Yes No Don't Know If Yes: a. Provide the date you received the written and/or verbal information or instructions: b. Identify by name and address the person(s) who provided the information or instructions: c. What information or instructions did you receive?

		Eyou have copies of the written information or instructions you received, please ttach copies to your response.
4)	For e	ach Ethicon, Inc. pelvic mesh product(s) that remains implanted in you:
		las any doctor recommended removal of the pelvic mesh product(s)?  Yes No
		<b>Yes,</b> Identify by name and address the doctor who recommended removal and state our understanding of why the doctor recommended removal:
5)		any of the Ethicon, Inc., pelvic mesh product(s) been removed, in whole or in part?  No Don't Know
	If Ye	s, for each pelvic mesh product removed provide:
	a.	On what date, where and by whom (doctor) was the pelvic mesh product(s), or any portion of it, removed?
	b.	Explain why you consented to have the pelvic mesh product(s), or any portion of it, removed?
	c.	Does any medical treater, physician or anybody else on your behalf have possession of any portion of the pelvic mesh product® that was previously implanted in you and removed? Yes No Don't Know
		Yes, please state name and address of the person or entity having possession of ame.
6)	_	ou claim that you suffered bodily injuries as a result of the implantation of any on, Inc., pelvic mesh product(s)? Yes No
	If Ye	s:
	a.	Describe the bodily injuries, including any emotional of psychological injuries, that you claim resulted from the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s).
	b.	When is the first time you experienced symptoms of any of the bodily injuries you
		claim in your lawsuit to have resulted from the pelvic mesh product(s)?

	Name and Condition Treated Approximate Dates of Treatment
	If Yes, please list all doctors you have seen for treatment of any of the bodily injuries you have listed above.
f.	Are you currently seeing, or have you ever seen a doctor or healthcare provider for each of the bodily injuries or symptoms listed above? <b>Yes No</b>
e.	Are you currently experiencing symptoms related to your claimed bodily injuries?  Yes No  If Yes, please describe your current symptoms in detail
d.	To the best of your knowledge and recollection, please state approximately when you first saw a health care provider for each of those bodily injuries you claim to have experienced relating to the pelvic mesh product(s):
c.	When did you first attribute these bodily injuries to the pelvic mesh product(s)?

Н	lospital Name and	Condition Treated	Approximate Dates of
	Address		Treatment
			that are the subject of your law products? Yes No
	have you been implanted in the second of the		products? Yes No
	If Yes, please provide  a. Product Name	tted with any other pelvic mesher the following information:  (s):	products? Yes No
	have you been implan  If Yes, please provide  a. Product Name  b. Date of impla	tted with any other pelvic mesher the following information:  (s):	and address of implanting doctor
	have you been implan  If Yes, please provide  a. Product Name  b. Date of impla	the following information:  (s):  ntation procedure(s) and name	and address of implanting doctor

Are yo	ou making a claim for lost out-of-pocket expenses?
Yes _	No
If Yes	s, please identify and itemize all out-of-pocket expenses you have incurred:
	nyone filed a loss of consortium claim in connection with your lawsuit regardilvic mesh product(s)?
Yes _	No

Please indicate whether the consortium plaintiff is alleging any of the claimed damages set forth below and itemize the alleged damages/expenses:

Claims	Yes/	Itemized Damages/Expenses
	No	
Loss of services of spouse		Not applicable
Impaired sexual relations		Not applicable
Lost wages/ lost earning		
capacity		
Lost out-of-pocket expenses		
Physical injuries		Not applicable
Psychological Injuries/		Not applicable
Emotional Injuries		
Other		Not applicable

Please list the name and address of any healthcare providers the consortium plaintiff has seen for treatment for any physical, emotional, or psychological injuries or symptoms alleged to be related to the loss of consortium claim.
Have you or anyone acting on your behalf had any communication, oral or written, with any of the defendants or their representatives, other than your attorneys?
Yes No Don't Know
If Yes, set forth the date of the communication, the method of communication, the name of the person with whom you communicated, and the substance of the communication between you and any defendants or their representatives:
III. MEDICAL BACKGROUND
Provide your current age: Height Weight
At the time you received each pelvic mesh product(s), please state:
Your age Your approximate weight
State number of vaginal births you have had?
State the number of cesarean section births you have had?
In chronological order, list any and all surgeries, procedures, or hospitalizations you had in the 10 year period <b>BEFORE</b> implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s); identifying

Doctor or Healthcare Provider Involved (including address)	Description of Surgery Hospitalization	Approximate. Date

In chronological order, list any and all surgeries, procedures, or hospitalizations you had **AFTER** the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s); identifying by name and address the doctor(s), hospital(s) or other healthcare provider(s) involved with each surgery or procedure; and provide the approximate date(s) for each. Insert additional rows as necessary.

Doctor or Healthcare Provider Involved (including address)	Description of Surgery/ Hospitalization	Approximate Date

7) To the extent not already provided in the charts above, provide the name, address, and telephone number of every doctor, hospital, or other health care provider from which you have received medical advice and/or treatment for the past **10 years**. Insert additional rows as necessary.

Name and Specialty	Address	Approximate Dates/Years of Visits

8)	Please describe your physical activities associated with daily living, physical fitness
	household tasks, and employment-related activities before the implantation of each pelvid
	mesh product.

9) Please describe your physical activities associated with daily living, physical fitness, household tasks, and employment-related activities *after* the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s).

10) To the best of your knowledge, have you suffered from any of the following:

Medical Condition		Sought treatment for?	Indicate whether condition occurred pre-implant, post-implant or both (explain, if necessary)
Adhesions	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Bleeding or Clotting Disorders  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify disorder:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Bowel Obstruction	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Bowel Perforation	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Cancer  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify type:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Chronic Constipation	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Collagen Disorder/Deficiency	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Connective Tissue Disorder  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify disorder:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Crohn's Disease, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Ulcerative Colitis, or Chronic Diarrhea	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post

If <b>Yes</b> , please specify which condition and treatment prescribed:			
Cystocele	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Diabetes	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Diverticulitis	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Dyspareunia	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Enterocele	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Fistulas	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Hernias	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Hypertension or High Blood Pressure	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Hypotension or Low Blood Pressure	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Immune System Disease or Dysfunction including HIV/AIDS  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify condition:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Malnutrition	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Muscle or Muscle-Wasting Disorder  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify disorder:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Neuromuscular Disease or Disorder	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post

If <b>Yes</b> , please specify disorder:			
Obesity	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Pelvic Trauma			
If <b>Yes</b> , please describe trauma:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Pelvic Tumors or Fibroids	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Peritonitis/Sepsis	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Rectocele	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Recurrent or Chronic Vaginal or Bladder Infections  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify location and nature of infections:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Recurrent Vaginal Pain  If <b>Yes</b> , please describe the nature of pain experienced:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Urinary Incontinence	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Urinary Retention	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Uterine Prolapse	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Vaginal Vault Prolapse	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post

Wound Healing Problems  If <b>Yes</b> , please explain:	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post
Any other disease of the gut, intestines, or bowels  If <b>Yes</b> , please specify condition (s):	Yes No	Yes No	Pre Post

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# THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE.

a)	Were you diagnosed with and/or treated for Sexually Transmitted Diseases for the five year period prior to the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s) through the present?
	Yes No
	If Yes, specify the disease, date of onset, medication/treatment, treating physician and current status of condition:
b)	Have you been diagnosed with and/or treated for any alcohol or chemical
- /	dependency for the one year prior to the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s) through the present?  Yes No
	If Yes, specify type and time period of dependency, type of treatment received, name of treatment provider, and current status of condition:
c)	Have you experienced, been diagnosed with or been treated for any mental health conditions including depression, anxiety or other emotional or psychiatric disorders in the 5 year period before implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s) through the present?  Yes No
	If Yes, specify condition, date of onset, medication/treatment, treating physician and current status of condition:
	* * * * * * * * * * * * *

11)	Have you experienced menopause?	Yes	_ No
	If Yes, at what age did it begin?		
12)	Have you undergone vaginal estrogen therapy, hormon replacement therapy (ERT)?	e therapy,	or systemic estrogen Yes No
	If Yes, please provide the type of therapy you received name and address of the healthcare provider providing the		of the therapy, and the
13)	Do you now or have you ever smoked tobacco products?	Yes	_ No
	If Yes:		
	a) How long have/did you smoke?		

List each prescription medication you have taken **for more than 3 months at a time, within the last 5 years prior to implant to present,** giving the name and address of the pharmacy where you received/filled the medication, the reason you took the medication, and the approximate dates of use.

<b>Medication and Dosage</b>	Pharmacy (Name and Address)

## IV. <u>INSURANCE INFORMATION</u>

1) Provide the following information for any past or present medical insurance coverage within the last 10 years:

Policy Number	Name of Policy Holder/Insured (if different than you)	Approx. Dates of Coverage
		Number Holder/Insured (if

Have	you ever been defined life insurance for reasons relating to your health?				
Yes_	No Don't Know				
	es, please state when the denial occurred, the name of the life insurance company ne company's reason for denial:				
	ne best of your knowledge, have you been approved to receive or are you receiving care benefits due to age, disability, condition or any other reason or basis?				
Yes_	No				
If Ye	s, please specify the following:				
a)	The date on which you first became eligible:				

[Please note: if you are not currently a Medicare-eligible beneficiary, but become eligible for Medicare during the pendency of this lawsuit, you must supplement your response at that time. This information is necessary for all parties to comply with Medicare regulations. See 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(8), also known as Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 and 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(2) also known as the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.]

## V. PRIOR CLAIM INFORMATION

1)		e you filed a lawsuit or made a claim in the last 10 years, other than in the present relating to any bodily injury?					
	Yes	No					
	If Yo	es, please specify the following:					
	a)	Court in which suit/claim filed or made:					
	b)	Case/Claim Number:					
	c)	Nature of Claim/Injury:					
2)		Have you applied for workers' compensation (WC), Social Security disability (SSI or SSD) benefits, or other state or federal disability benefits within the past 10 years?					
	Yes	No					
	If Y	es, please specify the following:					
	a)	Date (or year) of application:					
	b)	Type of benefits sought					
	c)	Agency/Insurer from which you sought the benefits:					
	d)	The nature of the claimed injury/disability:					
	e)	Whether the claim was accepted or denied:					

## VI. FACT WITNESSES

1) Please identify all persons who you believe possess information concerning your injury(ies) and current medical conditions, other than your healthcare providers, and please state their name address and his/her/their relationship to you:

Name	Address	Relationship to You	Information you Believe Person Possesses

# VII. <u>IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND OTHER ELECTRONICALLY</u> <u>STORED INFORMATION</u>

F	For the period beginning three years prior to implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s)
to presei	nt, please identify all research, including on-line research, you have conducted regarding
the subj	ects of this litigation, including the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s), the
injuries	and/or damages you claim resulted from the implantation of the pelvic mesh product(s)
or your	medical or physical condition. Identify date, time, and source, including any websites
visited.	Research conducted to understand the legal and strategic advice of your counsel is no
consider	ed responsive to this request.

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		VIII. <u>DOCUMENT REQUESTS</u>
1)	REL	EASES.
		TE: Please sign and attach to this Fact Sheet the authorizations for the release cords appended hereto.
2)	posse	CUMENTS. State whether you have any of the following documents in your ession, custody, and/or control. If you do, please provide a true and correct copy of such documents with this completed Fact Sheet.
	a)	If you were appointed by a court to represent the plaintiff in this lawsuit, produce any documents demonstrating your appointment as such.
		i. Not Applicable
		ii. The documents are attached [OR] I have no documents
	b)	If you represent the estate of a deceased person in this lawsuit, produce a copy of the decedent's death certificate and autopsy report (if applicable).
		i. Not Applicable
		ii. The documents are attached [OR] I have no documents
	c)	Produce any communications (sent or received) in your possession, which shall include materials accessible to you from any computer on which you have sent or received such communications, concerning the pelvic mesh product(s) or subject litigation, including but not limited to all letters, e-mails, blogs, Facebook posts, tweets, newsletters, etc. sent or received by you. Research conducted to

understand the legal and strategic advice of your counsel is not considered responsive to this request.

	i.	Not Applicable
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have no documents
d)	diari disco prod prod impl the i	duce all documents (including journal entries, lists, memoranda, notes, es), photographs, video, DVDS or other media, including all copies, ussing or referencing the subjects of this litigation including the pelvic mesh suct(s), the injuries and/or damages you claim resulted from the pelvic mesh suct(s), or evidencing your physical condition from three years prior to the antation of the pelvic mesh product(s) to present, including but not limited to injuries for which you claim relief in this lawsuit. Research conducted to erstand the legal and strategic advice of your counsel is not considered onsive to this request.
	i.	Not Applicable
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have no documents
e)		luce any pelvic mesh product packaging, labeling, advertising, or any other ic mesh product product-related items in your possession, custody or control.
	i.	Not Applicable
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have no documents
f)	and Defe	duce all documents concerning any communication between you and the Food Drug Administration (FDA) or between you and any employee or agent of the endants, regarding the pelvic mesh product(s) at issue, except as to those munications which are attorney client/work product privileged.
	i.	Not Applicable
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have no documents
g)	relat of in prov	duce all documents in your possession, custody or control evidencing or ing to any correspondence or communication between Ethicon, Inc., (or any ts related companies or divisions) and any of your doctors, healthcare iders, and/or you relating to the pelvic mesh product(s), except as to those munications which are attorney client/work product privileged.

	i.	Not Applicable	
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have	no documents
h)	describerior to benefi	uce any and all documents in your possession, customibing, or in any way relating to any instructions or to implantation of any pelvic mesh product(s) confits of your surgery, including but not limited to are ciated with the pelvic mesh product(s).	warnings you received eerning the risks and/or
	i.	Not Applicable	
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have	no documents
i)		uce any and all documents reflecting the model numb c mesh product(s) you received.	er and lot number of the
	i.	Not Applicable	
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have	no documents
j)	that you control by you	u underwent surgery to explant in whole or in part the you received: produce any and all documents in your rol aside from documents that may have been generated our counsel for litigation purposes, relating to any expression product(s) and any other material that was (were) s	possession, custody or ated by experts retained evaluation of the pelvic
	i.	Not Applicable	
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have	no documents
k)	tax ret	u claim lost wages or lost earning capacity, copies of eturns for the two years prior to implantation of the e present.	
	i.	Not Applicable	
	ii.	The documents are attached [OR] I have	no documents
	-	u do not produce the required tax returns, you must porizations for the release of federal and state tax return	
1)	Medic	documents in your possession, custody or control of icare on the injured party's behalf relating to the it, including but not limited to Interim Condition	njuries claimed in this

and/or estimates prepared by Medi	care or its repres	sentatives regar	ding payments
made on your behalf for medical ex	penses relating to	the subject of	this litigation.

i.	Not Applicable	
ii.	The documents are attached	[OR] I have no documents

[Please note: if you are not currently a Medicare-eligible beneficiary, but become eligible for Medicare during the pendency of this lawsuit, you must supplement your response at that time. This information is necessary for all parties to comply with Medicare regulations. See 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(8), also known as Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 and 42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(2) also known as the Medicare Secondary Payer Act.]

## **VERIFICATION**

Ι,	, declare under penalty of perjury subject to all
applicable laws, that I hav	re carefully reviewed the final copy of this Plaintiff Fact Sheet dated
and verified	that all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of
my knowledge, information	n and belief.
	Signature of Plaintiff
<u>VEI</u>	RIFICATION OF LOSS OF CONSORTIUM
Ι,	, declare under penalty of perjury subject to all
applicable laws, that I hav	e carefully reviewed the final copy of this Plaintiff Fact Sheet dated
and verified the	hat all of the information provided is true and correct to the best of my
knowledge, information an	d belief.
	Signature of Consortium Plaintiff

## APPENDIX "A"

(Authorization Forms)

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE MEDICAL INFORMATION**

To:

I, the undersigned,	hereby authorize	e and request th	ne Custodian	above-named	entity to	disclose to
The Marker Group, Inc.	13105 No	orthwest Freeway, Su	ite 300, Houston,	TX 77040		,
any and all medical	records, including	those that may o	ontain protect	ed health inforn	nation (PF	II) regarding
	, wheth	er created before	or after the	date of signatu	re. This a	authorization
specifically does not	permit The Marker	Group, Inc.	to c	discuss any asp	ect of me	dical care or
circumstances ex pa	rte and without the	e presence of my	attorney. Re	cords requested	d may incl	ude, but are
not limited to:		•	•	·		

- a) all medical records, physician's records, surgeon's records, pathology/cytology reports, physicals and histories, laboratory reports, operating room records, discharge summaries, progress notes, patient intake forms, consultations, prescriptions, nurses' notes, birth certificate and other vital statistic records, communicable disease testing and treatment records, correspondence, prescription records, medication records, orders for medications, therapists' notes, social worker's records, insurance records, consent for treatment, statements of account, itemized bills, invoices and any other papers relating to any examination, diagnosis, treatment, periods of hospitalization, or stays of confinement, or documents containing information regarding amendment of protected health information (PHI) in the medical records, copies (NOT originals) of all x-rays, CT scans, MRI films, photographs, and any other radiological, nuclear medicine, or radiation therapy films and of any corresponding reports and requisition records, and any other written materials in its possession relating to any and all medical diagnoses, medical examinations, medical and surgical treatments or procedures. I expressly request that all covered entities under HIPAA identified above disclose full and complete protected medical information. This authorization and release does not allow The Marker Group, Inc. to request or take possession of pathology/cytology specimens, extracted mesh, pathology/cytology or hematology slides, wet tissue or tissue blocks.
- complete copies of all prescription profile records, prescription slips, medication records, orders for medication, payment records, insurance claims forms correspondence and any other records. I expressly request that all covered entities under HIPAA identified above disclose full and complete protected medical information.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original, and this authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of: (i) the date of settlement or final disposition of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. Ethicon, Inc., et al. or (ii) five (5) years after the date of signature of the undersigned below. The purpose of this authorization is for civil litigation.

#### **NOTICE**

- The individual signing this authorization has the right to revoke this authorization at any time, provided the revocation is in writing to <a href="The Marker Group, Inc.">The Marker Group, Inc.</a> except to the extent that the entity has already relied upon this Authorization to disclose protected health information (PHI).
- The individual signing this authorization understands that the covered entity to whom this authorization is directed may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility benefits on whether or not the individual signs the authorization.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that protected health information (PHI) disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipients and that, in such case, the disclosed PHI no longer will be protected by federal privacy regulations.
- The individual signing this authorization expressly authorizes the above-named entity to disclose HIV/AIDS records and information to <a href="https://example.com/The-Marker-Group">The Marker Group</a>, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- The individual signing this authorization understands information authorized for release may include records that may indicate the presence of a communicable disease.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that she/he shall be entitled to receive a copy of all documents requested via this authorization within a reasonable period of time after such records are received by <a href="https://documents.org/nc.mc">The Marker Group, Inc.</a>.

Name of Patient	Signature of Patient or Individua
Former/Alias/Maiden Name of Patient	Date
Patient's Date of Birth	Name of Patient Representative
Patient's Social Security Number	Description of Authority

I have read this Authorization and understand that it will permit the entity identified above to disclose PHI to

The Marker Group, Inc.

## AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT TO RELEASE PSYCHOTHERAPY NOTES

Name of In Social Sec Date of Bi Provider N	urity Number: rth:
TO:	All physicians, hospitals, clinics and institutions, pharmacists and other healthcare providers
	The Veteran's Administration and all Veteran's Administration hospitals, clinics, physicians and employees
	The Social Security Administration
	Open Records, Administrative Specialist, Department of Workers' Claims
	All employers or other persons, firms, corporations, schools and other educational institutions
furnish and and its aud defined by "psychothe profession group, join	thorized representatives, with true and correct copies of all "psychotherapy notes", as such term is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, 45 CFR §164.501. Under HIPAA, the term erapy notes" means notes recorded (in any medium) by a health care provider who is a mental health all documenting or analyzing the contents of conversation during a private counseling session or a not or family counseling session and that are separated from the rest of the individual's record. This on does not authorize ex parte communication concerning same.
•	This authorization provides for the disclosure of the above-named patient's protected health information for purposes of the following litigation matter:v. Ethicon, Inc., et al.
•	The undersigned individual is hereby notified and acknowledges that any health care provider or health plan disclosing the above requested information may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for benefits on whether the individual signs this authorization.
•	The undersigned individual is hereby notified and acknowledges that he or she may revoke this authorization by providing written notice to either <a href="Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens &amp; Cannada, PLLC">Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens &amp; Cannada, PLLC</a> <a href="1200 Jefferson Avenue Oxford, MS 38655">1200 Jefferson Avenue Oxford, MS 38655</a> and to <a href="The Marker Group, Inc.">The Marker Group, Inc.</a> and/or to one or more entities listed in the above categories, except to the extent that any such entity has taken action in reliance on this authorization.
•	The undersigned is hereby notified and acknowledges that he or she is aware of the potential that protected health information disclosed and furnished to the recipient pursuant to this authorization is subject to redisclosure by the recipient for the purposes of this litigation in a manner that will not be protected by the Standards for the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information contained in the HIPAA regulations (45 CFR §§164.500-164.534).
•	The undersigned is hereby notified that he/she is aware that any and all protected health

information disclosed and ultimately furnished to The Marker Group, Inc. in accordance with orders of the court pursuant to this authorization will be shared with any and all

	co-defendants in the matter ofv. Ethicon, Inc., et al.
•	and is subject to redisclosure by the recipient for the purposes of this litigation in a manner that
,	will not be protected by the Standards for the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health
	Information contained in the HIPAA regulations (45 CFR §§164.500-164.534).
-	information contained in the THF AA regulations (45 CFR §§104.500-104.554).
	A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original, and
į	this authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of: (i) the date of settlement or final
	disposition of v. Ethicon, Inc., et al. or (ii) five (5) years after the date
	of signature of the undersigned below.
I have carefull	y read and understand the above and do hereby expressly and voluntarily authorize the
disclosure of a	ll of my above information to The Marker Group, Inc. and its authorized
representative	s, by any entities included in the categories listed above.
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-	Signature of Individual or Individual's Representative
Individual's Na	me and Address:
	Printed Name of Individual's Representative (If applicable)
	Relationship of Representative to Individual (If applicable)
	Description of Representative's authority to act for Individual (If
	Description of Representative's authority to act for Individual (If applicable)

This authorization is designed to be in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, "HIPAA").

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE INSURANCE INFORMATION**

To:

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize and request the above-named entity to disclose to
The Marker Group, Inc. 13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77040 , any and
all records containing insurance information, including those that may contain protected health
information (PHI) regarding, whether created before or after the
date of signature. Records requested may include, but are not limited to:
applications for insurance coverage and renewals; all insurance policies, certificates and benefit
schedules regarding the insured's coverage, including supplemental coverage; health and physical
examination records that were reviewed for underwriting purposes, and any statements,
communications, correspondence, reports, questionnaires, and records submitted in connection with
applications or renewals for insurance coverage, or claims; all physicians', hospital, dental reports,
prescriptions, correspondence, test results, radiology reports and any other medical records that were
submitted for claims review purposes; any claim record filed; records of any claim paid; records of all
litigation; and any other records of any kind concerning or pertaining to the insured. I expressly request
that all covered entities under HIPAA identified above disclose full and complete protected medical
information. By signing this authorization, I expressly do not authorize any ex-parte interview or oral

A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original, and this authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of: (i) the date of settlement or final disposition of \_\_\_\_\_\_ v. Ethicon, Inc., et al. or (ii) five (5) years after the date of signature of the undersigned below. The purpose of this authorization is for civil litigation.

communication about me or any information contained in the materials produced without the presence

## **NOTICE**

of my attorney.

- The individual signing this authorization has the right to revoke this authorization at any time, provided the revocation is in writing to the <a href="#">The Marker Group, Inc.</a>, except to the extent that the entity has already relied upon this Authorization to disclose protected health information (PHI).
- The individual signing this authorization understands that the covered entity to whom this authorization is directed may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility benefits on whether or not the individual signs the authorization.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that protected health information (PHI) disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipients and that, in such case, the disclosed PHI no longer will be protected by federal privacy regulations.
- The individual signing this authorization understands information authorized for release may include records that may indicate the presence of a communicable disease.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that she/he shall be entitled to receive a copy of all documents requested via this authorization within a reasonable period of time after such records are received by <a href="#">The Marker Group</a>, Inc.

I have read this Authorization and understand disclose PHI to The Marker Group, Inc.	I that it will permit the entity identified above to
Name of Individual	Signature of Individual or Individual Representative
Former/Alias/Maiden Name of Individual	Date
Individual's Date of Birth	Name of Individual Representative
Individual's Social Security Number	Description of Authority
Individual's Address	

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE MEDICAID INFORMATION**

To:

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize and request the above-named entity to disclose to the agents or designees of
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- The individual signing this authorization has the right to revoke this authorization at any time, provided the revocation is in writing to The Marker Group, Inc., except to the extent that the entity has already relied upon this Authorization to disclose protected health information (PHI).
- The individual signing this authorization understands that the covered entity to whom this authorization is directed may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility benefits on whether or not the individual signs the authorization.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that protected health information (PHI) disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipients and that, in such case, the disclosed PHI no longer will be protected by federal privacy regulations.
- The individual signing this authorization understands information authorized for release may include records that may indicate the presence of a communicable disease.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that they shall be entitled to receive a copy of all documents requested via this authorization within a reasonable period of time after such records are received by <a href="https://example.com/her-such records">The Marker Group, Inc.</a>.

I have read this Authorization and understand that it to The Marker Group, Inc.	t will permit the entity identified above to disclose PHI
Name of Individual	Signature of Individual or Individual
Former/Alias/Maiden Name of Individual	Date
Individual's Date of Birth	Name of Individual Representative
Individual's Social Security Number	Description of Authority
Individual's Address	_

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

To:

<b>I</b> , 1	the	undersigned,	hereby	authorize	and	request	the	above-named	entity	to	disclose
The	Mark	er Group, Inc.	13	3105 Northwe	st Freev	vav. Suite 30	00. Hoi	ıston, TX 77040			, any
and info	all r rmati	ecords contain	ing emploding	oyment info	rmatio	n, includir	ng tho , wh	se that may con nether created be	ntain pro	otect	ed health
	held repo- clinic reco- corre- ques reco- mate emp- iden I exp	l, payroll records orts of fellow em c, infirmary, nursords; any record espondence, ac stionnaires and ords regarding paerial safety data bloyee exposure bloyment with the tified above discoressly do not au	, W-2 form ployees, a se, dental s pertaining cident records our cicipation sheets, clarecords e above-nathorize ar	ns and W-4 fattendance records; testing to medical ports, injury f payments in companymentical investment of entity. In a complete my ex parte in the state of th	orms, pecords, st resultal or de reportmade; esponsontories, o all perportectuterview.	performance worker's of lts, physical disability clarts and ir pension reprededing health, and envirousitions heastly requed medical wor oral co	e eval compe al exar aims, ncident ecords , denta onmer neld; a uest th inform	s held, job descri- uations and repor- nsation files; all h- mination records or work-related a t reports; insurals, disability benef- al, life and disability that monitoring record and any other re- at all covered ent- nation. By signing- dication about me one of my attorney.	ts, stater nospital, and other cidents nce clai it record ty insural cords and ecords cords and titles unce this author my en	ments physic record including for the control of th	s and ician, edical uding orms, ed all lans; other rning IPAA ation,
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#### **NOTICE**

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force and effect as the original. The purpose of this authorization is for civil litigation.

- The individual signing this authorization understands that the covered entity to whom this authorization is directed may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility benefits on whether or not the individual signs the authorization.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that protected health information (PHI) disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipients and that, in such case, the disclosed PHI no longer will be protected by federal privacy regulations.
- The individual signing this authorization understands information authorized for release may include records that may indicate the presence of a communicable disease.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that they shall be entitled to receive a copy of all documents requested via this authorization within a reasonable period of time after such records are received by The Marker Group, Inc.

Name of Employee	Signature of Employee or Employee Representative
Former/Alias/Maiden Name of Employee	Date
Employee's Date of Birth	Name of Employee Representative
Employee's Social Security Number	Description of Authority
Employee's Address	_

I have read this Authorization and understand that it will permit the entity identified above to disclose PHI to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jheartfootness.com/">The Marker Group, Inc.</a>.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE WORKERS' COMPENSATION INFORMATION**

To:

Ι,	the	undersigned,	hereby	authorize	and	request	the	above-named	entity	to	disclose	to
Th	e Mark	ter Group, Inc.	13	105 Northwe	st Freev	vay, Suite 30	00, Hou	ıston, TX 77040			,	any
an	d all ı	records contain	ing Worke	ers' Compe	nsatio	n informat	ion, ir	cluding those t	hat may	con	tain prote	cted
he	alth ir	nformation (PHI	) regardir	ng				, whether create	ed before	e or	after the	date
of	signa	ture. Records r	requested	l may includ	le, but	are not lin	nited <sup>1</sup>	to:				

all workers' compensation claims, including claim petitions, judgments, findings, notices of hearings, hearing records, transcripts, decisions and orders; all depositions and reports of witnesses and expert witnesses; employer's accident reports; all other accident, injury, or incident reports; all medical records; records of compensation payment made; investigatory reports and records; applications for employment; records of all positions held; job descriptions of any positions held; salary records; performance evaluations and reports; statements and comments of fellow employees; attendance records; all physicians', hospital, medical, health reports; physical examinations; records relating to health or disability insurance claims, including correspondence, reports, claim forms, questionnaires, records of payments made to physicians, hospitals, and health institutions or professionals; statements of account, itemized bills or invoices; and any other records relating to the above-named individual. Copies (NOT originals) of all x-rays, CT scans, MRI films, photographs, and any other radiological, nuclear medicine, or radiation therapy films and of any corresponding reports. I expressly request that all covered entities under HIPAA identified above disclose full and complete protected medical information.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original, and this authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of: (i) the date of settlement or final disposition of \_\_\_\_\_\_ v. Ethicon, Inc., et al. or (ii) five (5) years after the date of signature of the undersigned below. The purpose of this authorization is for civil litigation. This authorization is for the release of records only and does not allow for ex parte communications regarding the subject matter of this release and without the presence of my attorney.

#### NOTICE

- The individual signing this authorization has the right to revoke this authorization at any time, provided the revocation is in writing to <a href="The Marker Group, Inc.">The Marker Group, Inc.</a>, except to the extent that the entity has already relied upon this Authorization to disclose protected health information (PHI).
- The individual signing this authorization understands that the covered entity to whom this authorization is directed may not condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility benefits on whether or not the individual signs the authorization.
- The individual signing this authorization understands that protected health information (PHI) disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipients and that, in such case, the disclosed PHI no longer will be protected by federal privacy regulations.
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- The individual signing this authorization understands that they shall be entitled to receive a copy of all documents requested via this authorization within a reasonable period of time after such records are received by The Marker Group, Inc.

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Name of Individual	Signature of Individual or Individual Representative
Former/Alias/Maiden Name of Individual	Date
Individual's Date of Birth	Name of Individual Representative
Individual's Social Security Number	Description of Authority

# Social Security Administration Consent for Release of Information

Form **\$\$A-3288** (07-2010) EF (07-2010)

*Name *I	Date of Birth	*Social Security Numbe
I authorize the Social Security Adminis	tration to release inf	formation or records about me to
*NAME	*ADDRESS	
Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLL	C 1200 Jefferson A	Avenue Oxford, MS 38655
The Marker Group, Inc.	13105 Northwest Fre	eeway, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77040
*I want this information released becare there may be a charge for releasing information.	use:	
*Please release the following informat You must check at least one box. Also, SSA will no		
Social Security Number  Current monthly Social Security be Current monthly Supplemental Sec My benefit/payment amounts from My Medicare entitlement from Medical records from my claims for If you want SSA to release a minor's medical record Complete medical records from my Other record(s) from my file (e.g. a reports, determinations, etc.)	to	tostead contact your local SSA office.

## **Social Security Administration**Consent for Release of Information

#### Instructions for Using this Form

Complete this form only if you want us to give information or records about you, a minor, or a legally incompetent adult, to an individual or group (for example, a doctor or an insurance company). If you are the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian, acting on behalf of a minor, you may complete this form to release only the minor's non-medical records. If you are requesting information for a purpose not directly related to the administration of any program under the Social Security Act, a fee may be charged.

#### NOTE: Do not use this form to:

- Request us to release the medical records of a minor. Instead, contact your local office by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY-1-800-325-0778), or
- Request information about your earnings or employment history. Instead, complete form SSA-7050-F4 at any Social Security office or online at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf">www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf</a>.

#### **How to Complete this Form**

We will not honor this form unless all required fields are completed. An asterisk (\*) indicates a required field. Also, we will not honor this form unless all required fields are completed. An asterisk (\*) indicates a required field. Also, we will not honor this form all records or the "entire file." You must specify the information you are requesting and you must sign and date this form.

- Fill in your name, date of birth, and social security number or the name, date of birth, and social security number of the person to whom the information applies.
- Fill in the name and address of the individual (or organization) to whom you want us to release your information.
- Indicate the reason you are requesting us to disclose the information.
- Check the box(es) next to the type(s) of information you want us to release including the date ranges, if applicable.
- You, the parent or legal guardian acting on behalf of a minor, or the legal guardian of a legally incompetent adult, must sign and date this form and provide a daytime phone number where you can be reached.
- If you are not the person whose information is requested, state your relationship to that person. We may require proof of relationship.

  PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect the information requested on this form. The information you provide will be used to respond to your request for SSA records information or process your request when we release your records to a third party. You do not have to provide the requested information. Your response is voluntary; hewever, we eannet hence your request to release information or records about you to another person or organization without your consent.

We rarely use the information provided on this form for any purpose other than to respond to requests for SSA records information. However, in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, we may disclose the information provided on this form in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following: 1. To enable an agency of third party to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage; 2. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; 3. To eamply with Federal laws requiring the disclosure of the information from our records; and, 4. To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of SSA programs.

We may also use the information you provide when we match records by computer. Computer matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and other Social Security programs are available from our Internet website at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a> or at your local Social Security office.

#### **PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the <u>Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995</u>. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 3 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. SEND OR BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. You can find your local Social Security office through SSA's website at <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a>. Offices are also listed under U.S. Government agencies in your telephone directory or you may call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Bivd., Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. Send <a href="https://one.number.org/comments/pii/">one our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.</a>



### Medicare

Beneficiary Services:1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY/TDD:1-877-486-2048

This form is used to advise Medicare of the person or persons you have chosen to have access to your personal health information.

#### Where to Return Your Completed Authorization Forms:

After you complete and sign the authorization form, return it to the address below:

Medicare BCC, Written Authorization Dept. PO Box 1270 Lawrence, KS 66044

#### For New York Medicare Beneficiaries ONLY

The New York State Public Health Law protects information that reasonably could identify someone as having HIV symptoms or infection, and information regarding a person's contacts. Because of New York's laws protecting the privacy of information related to alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment, and HIV, there are special instructions for how you, as a New York resident, should complete this form.

- For question 2A, check the box for *Limited Information*, even if you want to authorize Medicare to release any and all of your personal health information.
- Then proceed to question 2B.

Medicare BCC, Written Authorization Dept... PO Box 1270 Lawrence, KS 66044

#### Instructions for Completing Section 2B of the Authorization Form:

Please select one of the following options.

- Option 1 To include all information, in the space provided, write: "all information, including information about alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment, and HIV". Proceed with the rest of the form.
- Option 2 To exclude the information listed above, write "Exclude information about alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment and HIV" in the space provided. You may also check any of the remaining boxes and include any additional limitations in the space provided. For example, you could write "payment information". Then proceed with the rest of the form.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please feel free to call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Sincerely,

1-800-MEDICARE
Customer Service Representative

Encl.

## Information to Help You Fill Out the "1-800-MEDICARE Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information" Form

By law, Medicare must have your written permission (an "authorization") to use or give out your personal medical information for any purpose that isn't set out in the privacy notice contained in the Medicare & You handbook. You may take back ("revoke") your written permission at any time, except if Medicare has already acted based on your permission.

If you want 1-800-MEDICARE to give your personal health information to someone other than you, you need to let Medicare know in writing.

If you are requesting personal health information for a deceased beneficiary, please include a copy of the legal documentation which indicates your authority to make a request for information. (For example: Executor/Executrix papers, next of kin attested by court documents with a court stamp and a judge's signature, a Letter of Testamentary or Administration with a court stamp and judge's signature, or personal representative papers with a court stamp and judge's signature.) Also, please explain your relationship to the beneficiary.

Please use this step by step instruction sheet when completing your "1-800-MEDICARE Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information" Form. Be sure to complete all sections of the form to ensure timely processing.

1. Print the name of the person with Medicare.

Print the Medicare number exactly as it is shown on the red, white, and blue Medicare card, including any letters (for example, 123456789A).

Print the birthday in month, day, and year (mm/dd/yyyy) of the person with Medicare.

- 2. This section tells Medicare what personal health information to give out. Please check a box in 2a to indicate how much information Medicare can disclose. If you only want Medicare to give out limited information (for example, Medicare eligibility), also check the box(es) in 2b that apply to the type of information you want Medicare to give out.
- 3. This section tells Medicare when to start and/or when to stop giving out your personal health information. Check the box that applies and fill in dates, if necessary.
- 4. Medicare will give your personal health information to the person(s) or organization(s) you fill in here. You may fill in more than one person or organization. If you designate an organization, you must also identify one or more individuals in that organization to whom Medicare may disclose your personal health information.

- 5. The person with Medicare or personal representative must sign their name, fill in the date, and provide the phone number and address of the person with Medicare.
  - If you are a personal representative of the person with Medicare, check the box, provide your address and phone number, and attach a copy of the paperwork that shows you can act for that person (for example, Power of Attorney).
- **6.** Send your completed, signed authorization to Medicare at the address shown here on your authorization form.
- 7. If you change your mind and don't want Medicare to give out your personal health information, write to the address shown under number six on the authorization form and tell Medicare. Your letter will revoke your authorization and Medicare will no longer give out your personal health information (except for the personal health information Medicare has already given out based on your permission).

You should make a copy of your signed authorization for your records before mailing it to Medicare.

## 1-800-MEDICARE Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information

Use this form if you want 1-800-MEDICARE to give your personal health information to someone other than you.

1.	Print Name (First and last name of the person with Medicare)	Medicare Number (Exactly as shown on the Medicare Card)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
2.	Medicare will only disclose the persona	al health information you want dis	closed.
	2A: Check only <u>one</u> box below to tell information you want disclosed:	Medicare the specific personal	health
	☐ Limited Information (go to quest	ion 2b)	
	☐ Any Information (go to question	3)	
	2B: Complete only if you selected "l	imited information". Check all	that apply:
	☐ Information about your Medicare	e eligibility	
	☐ Information about your Medicare	e claims	
	☐ Information about plan enrollme	nt (e.g. drug or MA Plan)	
	☐ Information about premium payr	nents	
	☐ Other Specific Information (plea	se write below; for example, payn	nent information
3.	Check only one box below indicating to disclose your personal health infor your State may limit how long Medican	rmation (subject to applicable la	w—for example,
	☐ Disclose my personal health informa	ation indefinitely	
	☐ Disclose my personal health information beginning: (mm/dd/yyyy)		

M	M	edicare to	ame and address of the person(s) or organization(s) to whom you want disclose your personal health information. Please provide the specific person(s) for any organization you list below:
	1.	Name:	Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC
		Address:	1200 Jefferson Avenue Oxford, MS 38655
	2.	Name:	The Marker Group, Inc.
		Address:	13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77040
	3.	Name:	
		Address:	
5.			
		Signature Print the	Telephone Number Date (mm/dd/yyyy)  address of the person with Medicare (Street Address, City, State, and ZIP)
	į	Please This <u>o</u>	there if you are signing as a personal representative and complete below. attach the appropriate documentation (for example, Power of Attorney). only applies if someone other than the person with Medicare signed above. Personal Representative's Address (Street Address, City, State, and ZIP)
		Telephon	ne Number of Personal Representative:
		Personal	Representative's Relationship to the Beneficiary:

#### 6. Send the completed, signed authorization to:

Medicare BCC, Written Authorization Dept.
PO Box 1270
Lawrence, KS 66044

#### 7. Note:

You have the right to take back ("revoke") your authorization at any time, in writing, except to the extent that Medicare has already acted based on your permission. If you would like to revoke your authorization, send a written request to the address shown above.

Your authorization or refusal to authorize disclosure of your personal health information will have no effect on your enrollment, eligibility for benefits, or the amount Medicare pays for the health services you receive.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **0938-0930**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average **15 minutes** per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.