IME CONSENT FORM

CONSENT FOR THE RELEASE OF

CONFIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT INFORMATION

Client Name: Date of Birth:	
AUTHORIZATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	
I,, authorize	sion of Mental Health and Addiction Services (NJ
The purpose of the authorized disclosure is to enable _UBHC in the capacity of the IME and the NJ DHS/DMHA and allow for the evaluation and authorization of my treatmentities will be exchanged verbally and electronically the System (NJSAMS), a secure computer system, and that my	nent. I understand that the information available to these rough the New Jersey Substance Abuse Monitoring
I understand that my medical records are protected under governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Pati Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the reg	ent Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2, and the Health Insurance C.F.R. Parts 160 & 164, and cannot be disclosed without
I understand that I may be denied services if I refuse to consor health care operations. I will not be denied services if I r	sent to a disclosure for the purpose of treatment, payment efuse to consent to a disclosure for other purposes.
I have been provided a copy of this form.	
DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION TO BE D	ISCLOSED/RELEASED:
All my health information, including my drug and/or alcolincluding medical and mental health conditions, for which I	
TERM/EXPIRATION/REVOCATION	
This signed Consent will expire one year from today and wi may revoke this consent at any time, except to the extent that	Il remain in effect until that date. I also understand that I at action has been taken in reliance on it.
SIGNATURES	
Client Signature:	Date:
Signature of Responsible Party if other than Client: Describe authority to sign on behalf of Client:	Date:
Witness Signature:	Date:

Why do I need to sign the IME Consent Form?

By signing the IME Consent Form, you are allowing your identified substance use disorder treatment provider, the NJ Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (NJ DHS/DMHAS) and the Interim Management Entity (IME) communicate about your health information and records in order to provide you with better, more coordinated substance use treatment. As part of this communication, your health information will be disclosed through a computer system, the New Jersey Substance Abuse Monitoring System (NJSAMS).

Here is some additional information about the IME Consent Form:

- You can withdraw your consent at any time. You may be asked to sign a form indicating that you have withdrawn your consent.
- A refusal to consent or a withdrawal of consent may affect your ability, or continued ability, to receive services if it affects disclosures related to treatment, payment or other health care operations.
- Any health information about you may not be re-disclosed to others except as allowed by state and federal laws and regulations.
- You are entitled to a copy of the IME Consent Form after you sign it.
- Your current substance use treatment provider identified in the IME Consent Form must obtain a separate consent in order to communicate with and disclose information about you to any other substance use treatment providers and/or health care professionals for whom you are a current, former or future client.

What is NJSAMS?

NJSAMS is a secure web-based computer system that collects and maintains demographic, clinical, service and financial information about clients who receive substance use disorder treatment in New Jersey. Examples of the information collected and maintained in NJSAMS include admission and discharge dates, income, household size and clinical assessments. All New Jersey substance use disorder treatment programs and facilities are required to record and report client data to the NJSAMS.

By recording your information in NJSAMS, your substance use disorder treatment provider, the IME and NJ DHS/DMHAS can better coordinate your treatment, including obtaining any necessary authorizations for assessments and other services. In addition, de-identified data is used to assist the NJ DHS/DMHAS in program development and budget planning, and for required data reporting to the federal government.

What is the IME?

The NJ DHS/DMHAS has contracted with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care to serve as the IME for addiction services. The IME is a central point of access for individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorders and maintains a 24/7 call center. The IME is designed to provide services including, but not limited to, screening, referral, care coordination and utilization management (e.g. authorizations for assessments, treatment placements and continuing care).

The IME also assists NJ DHS/DMHAS and NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid with verifying an individual's financial eligibility and provider network management activities. These activities allow the IME to refer callers to providers that are most likely to meet their service need and have the ability to use funding or insurance for which the caller qualifies.

For more information about the IME, please visit: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/initiatives/managed/