

## Patient Authorization for Greater Houston Healthconnect

\_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF PARTICIPANT] participates in Healthconnect, a non-profit organization that provides a secured electronic network for Healthconnect participants, including doctors' offices, hospitals, labs, pharmacies, radiology centers and payers of health claims such as health insurers to share your protected health information. ("PHI") A list of current Healthconnect participants is available at [www.ghhconnect.org](http://www.ghhconnect.org). When you join Healthconnect, your doctors can electronically search all Healthconnect participants for your PHI and use it while treating you. Healthconnect does not change who gets to see your information—it allows your information to be shared in a new way. All Healthconnect participants must protect your privacy in accordance with state and federal laws.

Your treatment and eligibility for benefits will not be affected in any way should you choose not to join Healthconnect.

By signing this Authorization, you agree that Healthconnect and its current and future participants may use and disclose your protected health information electronically through Healthconnect **for the limited purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations**. You understand that Healthconnect may connect to other health information exchanges in Texas and across the country that also must protect your privacy in accordance with state and federal laws, and you authorize Healthconnect to share your information with those exchanges for the same limited purposes.

Your health information that may be shared through Healthconnect includes:

- Diagnosis (disease or problem)
- Clinical summaries of treatment and copies of documents in your medical record
- Results of lab tests, x-rays and other test
- Medication (current and in the past)
- Personal information such as name, address, telephone number, gender, ethnicity and age
- Names of providers and dates of services
- Alcohol, drug abuse, mental and behavioral health treatment
- HIV/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) test results and treatment
- Hepatitis B or C test results and treatment
- Genetic test results and treatment
- Genome information, if provided
- Family medical history, if provided

This authorization remains in effect unless and until you revoke it. You can revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice to any healthcare provider who participates in Healthconnect. Your revocation will be effective within three (3) days. You understand that revoking this authorization does not impact PHI previously shared when your authorization was in effect.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (if different from Patient): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial here if you do NOT want your providers to see your records through Healthconnect. \_\_\_\_\_