

Sterilization Consent Form Instructions

Per Title 42 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 50, Subpart B, all sterilizations require a valid consent form regardless of the funding source. Ensure all required fields are completed for timely processing.

Fax or mail the Sterilization Consent Form five business days before submitting the associated claim(s) to expedite the processing of the Sterilization Consent Form and associated claim(s).

Fax fully completed Sterilization Consent Forms to Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) at 1-512-514-4229. Claims and appeals are not accepted by fax. Only send family planning sterilization correspondence to this fax number.

Note: Hysterectomy Acknowledgment forms are not sterilization consents and should be faxed to 1-512-514-4218.

Clients must be *at least 21 years of age* when the consent form is signed. If the client was not 21 years of age when the consent form was signed, the consent will be denied. Changing signature dates is considered fraudulent and will be reported to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

There must be at least 30 days between the date the client signs the consent form and the date of surgery, with the following exceptions:

Exceptions: (1) Premature delivery - There must be at least 30 days between the date of consent and the client's expected date of delivery. (2) Emergency Abdominal Surgery - There must be at least 72 hours between the date of consent and the date of surgery. Operative reports detailing the need for emergency surgery are required.

Listed below are field descriptions for the Sterilization Consent Form. Completion of *all* sections is required to validate the consent form, with only two exceptions:

Exceptions: Race and Ethnicity Designation is requested but not required. The Interpreter's Statement is not required as long as the consent form is written in the client's language, or the person obtaining the consent speaks the client's language. If this section is partially completed, the consent will be denied for incomplete information.

This Sterilization Consent Form may be copied for provider use. Providers are encouraged to frequently recopy the original form to ensure legible copies and to expedite consent validation.

Required Fields

All of the fields must be legible in order for the consent form to be valid. Any illegible field will result in a denial of the submitted consent form. Resubmission of legible information must be indicated on the consent form itself. Resubmission with information indicated on a cover page or letter will not be accepted.

Consent to Sterilization

- Name of Doctor or Clinic
- Name of the Sterilization Operation
- Client's Date of Birth (month, day, year)
- Client's Name (first and last names are required)
- Name of Doctor or Clinic
- Name of the Sterilization Operation
- Client's Signature
- Date of Client Signature - *Client must be at least 21 years of age on this date. This date cannot be altered or added at a later date.*

Interpreter's Statement (If applicable)

- Name of Language Used by Interpreter
- Interpreter's Signature
- Date of Interpreter's Signature (month, day, year)

Statement of Person Obtaining Consent

- Client's Name (first and last names are required)
- Name of the Sterilization Operation
- Signature of Person Obtaining Consent -The statement of person obtaining consent must be completed by the person who explains the surgery and its implications and alternate methods of birth control. The signature of person obtaining consent must be completed at the time the consent is obtained. The signature must be an *original signature*, not a rubber stamp.
- Date of the Person Obtaining Consent's Signature (month, day, year) - Must be the same date as the client's signature date.
- Facility Name - Clinic/office where the client received the sterilization information
- Facility Address - Clinic/office where the client received the sterilization information

Physician's Statement

- Client's Name (first and last names are required)
- Date of Sterilization Procedure (month, day, year) - Must be at least 30 days and no more than 180 days from the date of the client's consent except in cases of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery.
- Name of the Sterilization Operation
- Expected Date of Delivery (EDD) - Required when there are less than 30 days between the date of the client consent and date of surgery. Client's signature date must be at least 30 days prior to EDD
- Circumstances of Emergency Surgery - Operative report(s) detailing the need for emergency abdominal surgery are required
- Physician's Signature - Stamped or computer-generated signatures are not acceptable
- Date of Physician's Signature (month, day, year) - This date must be *on or after* the date of surgery

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This is a required statement and must be included on every Sterilization Consent Form submitted.

Additional Required Fields

- The following provider identification numbers will be required to expedite the processing of the consent form:
 - TPI
 - NPI
 - Taxonomy
 - Benefit Code
- Provider/Clinic Phone Number
- Provider/Clinic Fax Number (If available)
- Family Planning Title for Client - Indicate by circling V, X, XIX (Medicaid), or XX