

**UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS
BENEFIT TRUST FUND**

HIPAA AUTHORIZATION FORM
(For Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information)

In order for the United University Professions Benefit Trust Fund (“Plan”) to use or disclose Protected Health Information (“PHI”) to someone other than you, you must complete this Authorization Form and return it to the Plan’s Privacy Official, Doreen M. Bango, P.O. Box 15143, Albany, New York 12212-5143, Tel. (800) 887-3863 or 866-559-0516.

In order for your medical information to be considered PHI, it must satisfy the following conditions: (a) your medical information must be “health information.” Health information is broadly defined in the applicable HIPAA regulations as meaning any oral or recorded information relating to your past, present, or future physical or mental health, the provision of health care for you, or the payment of health care for you; (b) your medical information must be “individually identifiable.” Individually identifiable health information is broadly defined in the applicable HIPAA regulations as health information that identifies or reasonably can be used to identify you (we may de-identify your individually identifiable health information by removing specific identifiers including, but not limited to your name, social security number, and address); and (c) your medical information must be “created or received” by a covered entity (this Plan and your doctor are covered entities under the applicable HIPAA regulations). Individually identifiable health information that is created or received by a covered entity is protected.

Except as permitted by law, the Plan may not use or disclose PHI to persons other than those you specify on this form. The Plan may request that you complete this form where the use or disclosure of information is necessary to carry out functions of the Plan. In addition, you may submit this form to the Plan because you want someone to request or receive your PHI from the Plan. This form is not needed if you are requesting your own PHI from the Plan. The Plan has a separate form for that type of request.

I, _____ (please print name), a Participant in the Plan or an Eligible Dependent, authorize the use and disclosure of my PHI as described in this Authorization Form.

AUTHORIZED PERSONS OF THE PLAN TO USE AND DISCLOSE PHI

Any employee of the Plan’s Health Fund Department who assists in the Plan’s administration is an authorized person to use and disclose PHI.

AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO RECEIVE AND USE PHI

The specific person(s) (or class of persons) listed below is an authorized person(s) (or class of persons) to receive and use PHI:

Name

Title

Organization

SPECIFIC AND MEANINGFUL DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED

For example, “Medical examination report and conclusions related to a fitness-for-work exam, or results of drug testing for employment-related purposes.”

PURPOSE OF THE USE OR DISCLOSURE

If you have initiated this Authorization, it is sufficient that you state “At the request of the Participant or Eligible Dependent.”

VALIDITY OF AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Plan will provide a copy of this signed Authorization Form to you. This Authorization Form is valid until the earliest of:

- (a) _____ (please provide date or event); or
- (b) the date the Plan receives your Cancellation of Authorization Form; or
- (c) two years from the date you sign this Authorization Form.

Please note that the validity of this authorization cannot extend beyond two years.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURE

I understand that:

- (a) I have the right to refuse to sign this Authorization Form and that the Plan may not condition Treatment, Payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits on whether I sign this Authorization Form except for limited circumstances;
- (b) I have the right to revoke this Authorization Form at any time by submitting a Cancellation of Authorization Form to the Plan;
- (c) the Cancellation of Authorization Form will take effect as of the cancellation date or event, or once the Plan receives the Cancellation of Authorization Form; and
- (d) the specific person(s) or class of persons authorized to receive and use my PHI may not be required to treat this information as confidential.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Individual

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

If you are acting as the personal representative of the Participant or Eligible Dependent whose PHI is to be disclosed and you sign this Authorization Form, you must provide proof of your authority to act. You warrant that you have authority to sign this Authorization Form on the basis of:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Personal Representative