Colorado Medical Assistance Program Sterilization Consent Form
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NOTICE: YOUR DECISION AT ANY TIME TO BE STERILIZED WILL NOT RESULT IN THE WITHDRAWAL OR WITH HOLDING OF ANY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS.

■ CONSENT TO STERILIZATION ■

I have asked for and received information about sterilization from _____. When I first asked for
(Doctor or Clinic)
the information, I was told that the decision to be sterilized is completely up to me. I was told that I could decide not to be sterilized. If I decide not to be sterilized, my decision will not affect my right to future care or treatment. I will not lose any help or benefits from programs receiving Federal funds, such as A.F.D.C. or the Medical Assistance Program that I am now getting or for which I may become eligible.

I understand that the sterilization must be considered permanent and not reversible. I have decided that I do not want to become pregnant, bear children or father children.

I was told about those temporary methods of birth control that are available and could be provided to me which will allow me to bear or father a child in the future. I have rejected these alternatives and chosen to be sterilized.

I understand that I will be sterilized by an operation known as a _____. The discomforts, risks, and benefits associated with the operation have been explained to me. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that the operation will not be done until at least thirty days after I sign this form. I understand that I can change my mind at any time and that my decision at any time not to be sterilized will not result in the with-holding of any benefits or medical services provided by federally funded programs.

I am at least 21 years of age and was born on _____.
Month Day Year

I, _____, hereby consent of my own free will to be sterilized by _____,
(Doctor)
by the method called _____. My consent expires 180 days from the date of my signature below.

I also consent to the release of this form and other medical records about this operation to:

Representatives of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or

Employees of programs or projects funded by that Department but only for determining of Federal laws were observed.

I have received a copy of this form.

_____ Date _____
Signature *Month Day Year*

Client's Medical Assistance Program ID #:_____

You are requested to supply the following information, but it is not required:

Race and Ethnicity Designation (please check)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander
☐ Black (not of Hispanic origin)
☐ Hispanic
☐ White (not of Hispanic origin)

■ INTERPRETER'S STATEMENT ■

If an interpreter is provided to assist the individual to be sterilized:

I have translated the information and advice presented orally to the individual to be sterilized by the person obtaining the consent. I have also read him/her the consent form in the _____ language and explained its contents to him/her. To the best of my knowledge and belief he/she understood this explanation.

_____
Interpreter Signature

■ STATEMENT OF PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT ■

Before _____ signed the
Name of Individual
consent form, I explain to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation _____, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it.

I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent.

I informed the individual to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or any benefits provided by Federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequence of the procedure.

_____ _____
Signature of person obtaining consent *Date*

_____
Facility

_____
Address

■ PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT ■

Shortly before I performed a sterilization operation upon

_____ on _____.
Name of individual to be sterilized *Date of sterilization operation*

I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation _____, the fact that it is intended to
Specify Type of Operation
be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it.

I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent.

I informed the individual to be sterilized that his/her consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or any benefits provided by Federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. He/She knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequence of the procedure.

(Instructions for use of alternative final paragraphs: Use the first paragraph below except in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery where the sterilization is performed less than 30 days after the date of the individual's signature on the consent form. In those cases, the second paragraph below must be used. **Cross out the paragraph, which is not used**.)

(1) At least thirty days have passed between the date of the individual's signature on the consent form and the date the sterilization was performed.

(2) This sterilization was performed less than 30 days but more than 72 hours after the date of the individual's signature on this consent form because of the following circumstances (**check applicable box and fill in information requested**):

☐ Premature delivery:
☐ Individual's expected date of delivery: _____
☐ Emergency abdominal surgery: _____
(Describe circumstances) _____

_____ _____
Physician's Signature *Date*

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