



Authorization for the Use and Sharing of Information

HealthierHere provides a way for service providers that partner with us (“Service Providers”) to collect, use, and share information to coordinate the care they deliver. Service Providers include social service, community, government (tribal, state, and local), physical health, and behavioral health organizations.

HealthierHere and the Service Providers request your written permission to collect, use, and share your personal and health information (“Information”). Being able to share your Information allows Service Providers to better coordinate your care. This can result in improved access to the care and support you need to be healthy.

Signing this authorization form is your choice.

If you choose to sign this form, HealthierHere and each Service Provider can collect, use, and share your Information to better:

- learn about your needs.
- coordinate your care.
- provide services to you.

Our goal is to protect your privacy. Please review the **Privacy Policy** at <https://healthierhere.org/library/privacy-policy>. It explains what Information gets collected, how your Information is used, shared, and protected, and your rights.

If you do not sign this form, you will still have access to services. It will not change your treatment, enrollment in or eligibility for benefits, or payment.

What Information do we collect and share?

Information from you and other sources This form covers, without restriction, all Information shared with us by:

- you and your family.
- Service Providers, such as your care team and any other person involved in your care.

Different types of Information

Information that may be shared includes, without restriction:

- your name and contact details.
- names and contact details of family or caregivers. This will only happen if you give permission and share their contact information.
- services you get from Service Providers.
- your date of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, tribal affiliation, or tribal enrollment.
- details about your health insurance and any needs you may have, such as income, employment, or housing.
- healthcare information that may be protected by state, tribal, and federal privacy laws, such as information about your medical providers, health conditions, health needs, and goals.

At the end of this form, you can choose to give permission (or not) to allow sharing about sensitive topics, such as healthcare, mental health, substance use, and HIV/AIDS information.

Who will receive my Information?

Service Providers

Your Information will be shared with Service Providers. We may add to our list of Service Providers at any time. Our Service Providers are listed at <https://www.connect2.org/resources#serviceProviders>.

Service Providers:

- agree to only access and share Information that is needed to serve you.
- are required to protect your Information even if it is no longer protected under applicable privacy laws.

We will only share your tribal affiliation or tribal enrollment with Service Providers approved by the Indigenous Nations Committee.

Other Organizations

Your Information may be shared by Service Providers with Other Organizations which can include:

- insurance or managed care companies.
- government agencies.
- utility companies.

We will only share your information with Other Organizations as needed to qualify you for programs and benefits.

Your Information can be shared to respond to a lawful subpoena, warrant, or court order.

If you are covered by Washington's Medicaid program, we may also share your information with the operator of the Medicaid agency to comply with state and federal laws and agreements with the operator of the Medicaid agency that we are subject to.

We may share your information with public health organizations to monitor and improve the health of our community.

Your Information, that is shared as described in this form, may be shared by the recipient and may no longer be protected by applicable law.

Our technology providers

Our technology providers will also have access to your Information, but only as needed to run, improve, or repair the technology we use to protect and share your Information.

Why will my Information be shared?

To contact or serve you

We may use your Information or share it with a Service Provider to:

- contact you.
- help Service Providers provide, coordinate, or refer you to services.
- learn which services you qualify for.

We may share your information with public health to monitor and improve the health of our community.

To improve and help fund our work

Sometimes we may combine your Information with a large number of other people's Information. Combining Information into large groups allows the Information to be studied or used while protecting your privacy. After your Information has been combined, you cannot be identified.

After your Information is combined with others so your privacy is protected, it could be used to:

- evaluate how effective our services are.
- improve our services.
- help others learn from our work.
- help us apply for funding.
- report to organizations that fund our work.

We may continue to use your Information in these ways after your permission has expired, but not if you cancel your permission.

When will this authorization expire?

Expires after 2 years

Unless you cancel before, this form will expire 2 years after the date you sign it.

Cancel at any time

You can cancel this form at any time.

To cancel:

- send notice to our Privacy Office by email at PrivacyOfficer@HealthierHere.org, or
- inform one of your Service Providers.

If you cancel, it will only affect future sharing. It will not affect any Information that has already been shared as described in this form.

Permission to share sensitive Information

We need your special permission to collect, use, and share Information about certain types of sensitive Information. This Information may be protected by state, tribal, and federal privacy laws.

You have a choice.

- If you give your permission, this sensitive information will only be collected, used, or shared by us and Service Providers as described in this form.
- If you do not give your permission, you will still have access to services.

I give permission to share health diagnosis and treatment information.

Yes

No

I give permission to share mental health diagnosis and treatment information.

Yes

No

I give permission to share alcohol and drug use disorder diagnosis and treatment information.

Yes

No

I give permission to share testing, diagnosis, and treatment for sexually transmitted disease, including but not limited to HIV/AIDS.

Yes

No

Signature

By signing below, you agree that:

- You have read this form or that someone has read it to you.
- You understand the terms of this form.
- You have had the chance to ask questions.

By signing, you authorize HealthierHere and Service Providers to collect, use, and share your information as described in this form.

Client Name: _____ Client Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If signed by someone other than the client, please write that person's name and relationship to the client:

Name: _____ Relationship to Client: _____