

## **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL INFORMATION**

By virtue of your employment or volunteer capacity with the Florida Department of Corrections or an entity working via a contract with the Florida Department of Corrections, you may need to know and, therefore, may be informed of certain medical/mental health information pertaining to individual inmates necessary to perform your assigned duties and/or to classify and transfer inmates to facilities appropriate for delivery of the required health care services for diagnosed medical/mental health conditions.

State law, and in some instances, federal law, mandates that medical/mental health information be kept confidential unless specific written authorization is given by the patient or unless compelled by court order or subpoena when certain conditions are met for release of the medical/mental health information.

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you must maintain as confidential all medical/mental health information regarding any inmate which you obtain in conjunction with your duties and responsibilities and you further acknowledge that you may not disseminate this medical/mental health information to or discuss the medical/mental health condition of an inmate with any person except those persons directly necessary to the performance of your duties and responsibilities. If you have been designated as a member of the department's Healthcare Transfer Team, you may not disseminate inmate medical information to or discuss the medical condition of an inmate with any person except other members of the Healthcare Transfer Team, medical staff, upper level management at the institutional/facility level, regional level, and central office level, or department attorneys. The dissemination or discussion of inmate medical information with the team members or persons enumerated herein shall only be to the extent necessary for the provision of health care to the inmate; the health and safety of others; law enforcement purposes; the administration and maintenance of safety, security and good order of the institution; and other purposes as authorized by law.

Breach of this confidentiality may result in monetary liability and/or civil or criminal penalties imposed by law, and shall subject you to discipline, up to and including dismissal, for violation of department rules.

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Signature of Employee/Volunteer

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Employee's/Volunteer's Printed Name

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Date

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Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number