



## **AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

### **Medical Review Organizations AS 18.23**

Decedent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SMEO Case #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names Under Which Records Might Be Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Releasing Information: Alaska State Medical Examiner's Office

Review Organization Receiving Information: *(include address, fax and phone numbers)* \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Information To Be Released: *(If substance abuse information is to be released from a federally assisted substance abuse treatment center, then this information must be included in the description)*

I hereby state that I am requesting the above records for an authorized medical review organization meeting the definition set forth in Alaska Statute 18.23.070 (5)(A) and I am requesting the records for one or more of the following purpose(s) (**circle one or more**):

- (i) a hospital governing body or a committee whose membership is limited to health care providers and administrative staff, except where otherwise provided for by state or federal law, and that is established by a hospital, by a clinic, by one or more state or local associations of health care providers, by an organization of health care providers from a particular area or medical institution, or by a professional standards review organization established under 42 U.S.C. 1320c-1, to gather and review information relating to the care and treatment of patients for the purposes of
  - (i) Evaluating and improving the quality of health care rendered in the area or medical institution
  - (ii) Reducing morbidity and mortality
  - (iii) Obtaining and disseminating statistics and information relative to the treatment and prevention of disease, illness and injury
  - (iv) Developing and publishing guidelines showing the norms of health care in the area of medical institution
  - (v) Developing and publishing guidelines designed to keep the cost of health care within reasonable bounds
  - (vi) Reviewing the quality or cost of health care services provided by enrollees of health maintenance organizations
  - (vii) Acting as a professional standards review organization under 42 U.S.C 1320c
  - (viii) Reviewing, ruling on, or advising on controversies, disputes, or questions between a health insurance carrier or health maintenance organization and one or more of its insured enrollees; between a professional licensing board, acting under



its powers of discipline or license revocation or suspension, and a health care provider licensed by it when the matter is referred to a review organization by the professional licensing board; between a health care provider and the provider's patients concerning diagnosis, treatment, or care, or a charge or fee; between a health care provider and a health insurance carrier or health maintenance organization concerning a charge or fee for health care services provided to an insured or enrollee; or between a health care provider or the provider's patients and the federal or a state or local government, or agency of the federal or a state or local government

- (ix) Acting on the recommendation of a credential review committee or a grievance committee
- (ii) the State Medical Board established by AS 08.64.010
- (iii) a committee established by the commissioner of health and social services and approved by the State Medical Board to review public health issues regarding morbidity or mortality; at least 75 percent of the committee must be health care providers
- (iv) the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)

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 Signature of Representative of Review Organization  
 (Or Witness if signature is by mark)

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 Date

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 Printed Name of Personal Representative

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**Alaska Statute 18.23.030 Confidentiality of record of review organization.**

(a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, all data and information acquired by a review organization in the exercise of its duties and functions shall be held in confidence and may not be disclosed to anyone except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of the review organization and is not subject to subpoena or discovery. Except as provided in (b) of this section, a person described in AS 18.23.020 may not disclose what transpired at a meeting of a review organization except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of a review organization, and the proceedings and records of a review organization are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in a civil action against a health care provider arising out of the matter that is subject of consideration by the review organization. Information, documents, or records otherwise available from original sources are not immune from discovery or use in a civil action merely because they were presented during proceedings of a review organization, nor may a person who testified before a review organization or who is a member of it be prevented from testifying as to matters within the person's knowledge, but a witness may not be asked about the witness's testimony before a review organization or opinions formed by the witness as a result of its hearings, except as provided in (b) of this section.