

## Authorization for Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company

Sign and return this authorization to Claims Department at the address listed above. This authorization is designed to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.

I hereby authorize the disclosure of the following information about me and, if applicable, my dependents, from the sources listed below to Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company and its duly authorized representatives (Colonial Life).

Health information may be disclosed by any medical or medically related provider or institution, rehabilitation professionals, vocational evaluators, health plan or health care clearinghouse that has any records or knowledge about me, including prescription drug database or pharmacy benefit manager, ambulance or other medical transport service, any insurance company, Medicare or Medicaid agencies or the Medical Information Bureau (MIB). Non-health information may be disclosed by any entity, person or organization that has any records about me, including but not limited to my employer, employer representative and compensation sources, insurance company, financial institution, consumer reporting agencies including credit bureaus, professional licensing bodies, attorneys or governmental entities.

Health information includes my entire medical record, prescription drug history and insurance claim history, including HIV, AIDS or other disorders of the immune system, information on the diagnosis, treatment, and testing results related to sexually transmitted diseases, unless further restricted by state law, use of drugs or alcohol, mental or physical history, condition, advice or treatment, but does not include psychotherapy notes. Non-health information, includes earnings, financial or credit history, professional licenses, employment history or any other facts deemed necessary by Colonial Life to evaluate my application or claim forms.

Any information Colonial Life obtains pursuant to this authorization will be used for the purpose of evaluating and administering my claim for benefits or for evaluating my eligibility for insurance, including checking for and resolving any issues that may arise regarding incomplete or incorrect information on my application or claim forms. Some information, once obtained, may not be protected by certain federal regulations governing the privacy of health information, but the information is protected by state privacy laws and other applicable laws. Colonial Life will not re-disclose the information unless permitted or required by those laws or as authorized by me.

I also authorize Colonial Life to disclose my information to the following persons (for the purpose of reporting claim status, or experience, or so that the recipient may carry out health care operations, claims payment, administrative or audit functions related to any benefit, plan or claim): any employee benefit plan sponsored by my employer; any person providing services or insurance benefits to (or on behalf of) my employer, any such plan or claim, or any benefit offered by Colonial Life; or, the Social Security Administration. Colonial Life will not condition the payment of insurance benefits on whether I authorize Colonial Life to re-disclose my information. For the purposes of these disclosures by Colonial Life, this authorization is valid for one year or for the length of time otherwise permitted by law.

This authorization is valid for two (2) years from its execution or the duration of my claim (to include any subsequent financial management and/or benefit recovery review), whichever is earlier, and a copy is as valid as the original. I know that I, or my authorized representative, may request a copy of this authorization. This authorization may be revoked by me or my authorized representative at any time except to the extent Colonial Life has relied on the authorization prior to notice of revocation or has a legal right to contest coverage under the contract or the contract itself. If I do not sign this authorization or if I alter or revoke it, except as specified above, Colonial Life may not be able to evaluate my claim or eligibility for insurance. I may revoke this authorization by sending written notice to the Claims Department at the address listed above.

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Signature Date signed (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Printed name of individual subject to this disclosure XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_  
Last four digits of SSN Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

If applicable, I signed on behalf of the insured as \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate relationship). If legal guardian, power of attorney designee, conservator, beneficiary or personal representative, please attach a copy of the document granting authority.

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Printed name of legal representative Signature of legal representative Date signed (MM/DD/YYYY)