ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS FOR TEA AND MEDICAID APPLICANTS

ASSIGNMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPORT (MEDICAID ONLY)

I authorize any holder of medical or other information about me to release information needed for a Medicaid claim to DHS. I further authorize release of any information to other parties who may be liable for my medical expenses. As an eligibility condition, I automatically assign my right to any settlement, judgment, or award which may be obtained against any third party to DHS to the full extent of any amount which is paid by DHS for my behalf. I authorize and request that funds, settlement or other payments made by or on behalf of third parties, including tortfeasors or insurers arising out of a Medicaid claim, be paid directly to DHS. My application for Medicaid benefits shall in itself constitute an assignment by operation of law and shall be considered a statutory lien of any settlement, judgment, or award received by me from a third party. A third party is any person, entity, institution, organization or other source who may be liable for injury, disease, disability or death sustained by me or others named herein, including estates of said individuals. I also assign all rights in any settlement made by me or on my behalf arising out of any claim to the extent medical expenses paid by DHS, whether or not a portion of such settlement is designated for medical expenses. Any such funds received by me shall be paid to DHS. A copy of this authorization may be used in place of the original.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

<u>TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (TEA)</u> - I understand that if I accept TEA cash assistance, by state law, I will have **assigned all rights, title, and interest in any support** that I have in my own behalf or in behalf of any other person for whom I am receiving TEA. I understand that all support payments including those received by me directly from the absent parent, are to be paid to the Office of Child Support Enforcement. I understand that this **assignment** ends when I no longer receive TEA except as to any unpaid support obligation that has accrued at the time my TEA case is closed. I also understand that as a condition of eligibility for TEA, I must cooperate with the Office of Child Support Enforcement in establishing paternity and obtaining child support.

<u>MEDICAID</u> - As a condition of eligibility for Medicaid, adult caretaker relatives receiving Medicaid for themselves as well as for children, must cooperate with the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) in establishing paternity and obtaining medical support for each child who has a parent absent from the home. All other OCSE services, including collection of child support payments from the absent parent, will be provided unless OCSE receives a written notice from the caretaker relative declining those services. If the adult caretaker relative is not receiving Medicaid, cooperation with OCSE is strictly voluntary.

Signature

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IMPORTANT ESTATE RECOVERY NOTICE:

If you receive Medicaid in a nursing facility, ICF/MR facility, or under a home and community based waiver program, the total amount of the Medicaid benefits paid on your behalf will be a debt to DHS and may be recovered from your estate after your death. Your estate is the property you own at the time of your death. DHS will not make a claim against your estate while you are living. DHS will not make a claim against your estate after your death if your spouse is still living, or if you have dependent children under age 21 or blind or disabled children. DHS will collect the debt, if any, by filing a claim in your estate. Collection may not be made if it is not cost effective to DHS or if your heirs apply for a hardship waiver after your death. A hardship may exist if the estate property is the only source of income for your heirs, if that income is limited, or if there are other compelling circumstances.

I have read the Assignment of Medical Support on page 1 and the above notice on Estate Recovery.

Signature

Date