

# PROTECTIVE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

P.O. Box 830619

Birmingham, AL 35283-0619

## AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN AND DISCLOSE INFORMATION

This Authorization to Obtain and Disclose Information complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") as related to Life Insurance.

### USE OF MEDICAL, NON-HEALTH AND NON-MEDICAL INFORMATION

I (we) authorize Protective Life Insurance Company (Protective Life) and its reinsurers to obtain, directly or through designated third parties, and to use any information about or relating to me (us) that may affect my (our) insurability. Protective Life and its reinsurers, Life Insurance Representative(s) or regional sales office representing me on my (our) application for insurance may:

- a. obtain and use health and medical information from all dates of service, including but not limited to, medical records, prescription drugs, chart notes, electrocardiograms (EKG), and information about the diagnoses and/or treatments relating to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), sexually transmitted diseases, drug use, alcohol use, nicotine or tobacco use, physical and mental diseases and illnesses, and psychiatric disorders (excluding psychotherapy notes);
- b. obtain and use non-health and non-medical information, including but not limited to financial information, credit reports, consumer reports, driving record, criminal record, character, general reputation, personal characteristics or behavioral and lifestyle factors and information about avocations and aviation activity;
- c. use all of this information to evaluate an application for insurance, a claim for insurance benefits, or both;
- d. use any information relating to communicable diseases (e.g., hepatitis A, measles, influenza, tuberculosis) and other risk factors relating to me or to my spouse or life partner to evaluate an application for insurance on either me or my spouse or life partner.

### RELEASE AND DISCLOSE INFORMATION FROM THIRD PARTIES

I (we) authorize the following persons and organizations to release and disclose the information described in the **USE OF MEDICAL, NON-HEALTH AND NON-MEDICAL INFORMATION** section to Protective Life, directly through the following designated third parties or its representative(s) acting on its behalf:

- a. my (our) doctor(s); medical practitioners; pharmacists and Pharmacy Benefit Managers;
- b. medical and related facilities, including hospitals, clinics, facilities run by the Veteran's Administration, Kaiser Permanente, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation including all satellite facilities and The Mayo Clinic;
- c. insurers; reinsurers;
- d. my (our) current and previous employers;
- e. MIB, LLC (**MIB**); and commercial consumer reporting agencies (**CRA**).

All of these persons and organizations other than **MIB** may release the information described above to a **CRA** acting for Protective Life. **MIB** may not release the information described in the **USE OF MEDICAL, NON-HEALTH AND NON-MEDICAL INFORMATION** section to a **CRA**.

### TESTING OF BLOOD, ORAL FLUIDS AND URINE

I (we) authorize Protective Life to draw and test my (our) blood, and/or oral fluids, and urine as necessary to underwrite my (our) application for insurance. These tests may include, but are not limited to:

- a. tests for cholesterol and related blood lipids, diabetes, liver or kidney disorders, immune disorders (other than HIV/AIDS, see **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR HIV/AIDS TESTING** section).
- b. tests for the presence of drugs, nicotine, or their metabolites.

This authorization does not include genetic testing. Unless otherwise required by law or regulation, Protective Life may, but is not obligated to, release any of these test results directly to me or to my spouse or life partner.

### RELEASE OF MEDICAL, NON-HEALTH, NON-MEDICAL AND TESTING INFORMATION

I (we) authorize Protective Life to release and disclose the information described in the **USE OF MEDICAL, NON-HEALTH AND NON-MEDICAL INFORMATION** section and the **TESTING OF BLOOD, ORAL FLUIDS AND URINE** section:

- a. to its affiliates, its reinsurers, persons or organization providing services relating to insurance underwriting for Protective Life, **MIB** and as otherwise required by law.
- b. to release and disclose the information to other duly licensed life insurers if I (we) have applied or apply to the other insurers for insurance.
- c. to its reinsurers, to make a brief report of my personal health information to **MIB**.
- d. to the Life Insurance Representative(s) representing me to duly licensed specific life insurers for the purpose of applying for life insurance if my (our) application with Protective Life is declined or if Protective Life is unable to offer coverage at an acceptable rate.
- e. to the Life Insurance Representative(s) and its staff, affiliated companies and/or entities, insurance companies and their re-insurers representing me on my (our) application for life insurance.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR HIV/AIDS TESTING**

If Protective Life intends to test for the presence of antibodies to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which is the virus that has been associated with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Protective Life may require a separate authorization. I (we) hereby authorize Protective Life:

- a. to obtain and use the results of any HIV tests that I (we) separately authorize.
- b. (if permitted by law) to disclose the results of any tests to its reinsurers and MIB.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- a. This authorization shall be valid for 24 months from the Date of Authorization shown below, or for the time limit, if any, permitted by applicable law in the state where the policy is delivered or issued for delivery, whichever period is shorter, or, in the event of a claim for benefits, for the duration of such claim.
- b. During the evaluation of my (our) insurance application, I (we) understand that I (we) have the right to revoke the authorizations in the previous sections (above) by writing to Protective Life at P.O. Box 830619 • Birmingham, Alabama 35283-0619. If this authorization is revoked, this would result in the file being closed and no coverage provided.
- c. I understand I do not have to sign this authorization in order to obtain **health care benefits (treatment, payment or enrollment)**.
- d. I (we) understand that any information about me (us) that is disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure and no longer covered by certain federal rules governing privacy and confidentiality of health information. The information contained in these medical and financial records will be held in confidence and may be used only for the purpose of the procurement, or underwriting for the possible procurement or the evaluation of life, health, long term care, or other insurance products.
- e. I (we) understand that my (our) personal information, including my (our) protected health information disclosed under this authorization will be incorporated into and made a part of any life and/or disability insurance policy(ies) issued by the Company and that the policy(ies) will be delivered to the policy owner.
- f. *I acknowledge that any agreements I have made to restrict my protected health information do not apply to this authorization and I instruct any physician, health care professional, hospital, clinic, medical facility, or other health care provider to release and disclose my entire medical record without restriction. Any modifications to this authorization may preclude Protective Life's ability to process this application.*

**AUTHORIZATIONS AND INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORT**

- I (we) have been given a copy of this **Authorization to Obtain and Disclose Information** along with the **Description of Information Practices**.
- I (we) would like to be interviewed if an investigative consumer report will be made. (Please refer to the **Description of Information Practices** for additional information regarding the interview for an **Investigative Consumer Report**.)

**THIS AUTHORIZATION MUST BE SIGNED WITHOUT MODIFICATION AND RETURNED WITH THE APPLICATION BEFORE PROCESSING.**

**SIGNATURES**

Date of Authorization: X \_\_\_\_\_

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List Health Care Providers

X _____	_____	_____	_____
Proposed Insured 1 (Signature)	Print Name of Proposed Insured 1	Birthdate	Social Security Number

X _____	_____	_____	_____
Proposed Insured 2 (Signature)	Print Name of Proposed Insured 2	Birthdate	Social Security Number

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If Minor, Print Name	Parent or Legal Guardian (Signature)	Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian