

Ambulance Billing Authorization and Privacy Acknowledgment Form - SUPPLIERS

Patient Name: _____ **Transport Date:** _____

I request that payment of authorized Medicare, Medicaid, or any other insurance benefits be made on my behalf to El Dorado County Ambulance ("EDCA") for any services provided to me by EDCA now or in the future. I understand that I am financially responsible for the services provided to me by EDCA, regardless of my insurance coverage, and in some cases, may be responsible for an amount in addition to that which was paid by my insurance. I agree to immediately remit to EDCA any payments that I receive directly from insurance or any source whatsoever for the services provided to me and I assign all rights to such payments to EDCA. I authorize EDCA to appeal payment denials or other adverse decisions on my behalf without further authorization. I authorize and direct any holder of medical information or documentation about me to release such information to EDCA and its billing agents, and/or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and its carriers and agents, and/or any other payers or insurers as may be necessary to determine these or other benefits payable for any services provided to me by EDCA, now or in the future. A copy of this form is as valid as an original.

Privacy Practices Acknowledgment: by signing below, I acknowledge that I have received EDCA's Notice of Privacy Practices.

SIGNATURE SECTION:

One of the following two sections MUST be completed.

SECTION I – AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Complete this section **only** if patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing.

Reason the patient is physically or mentally incapable of signing:

Authorized representatives include **only** the following individuals (check one):

- Patient's Legal Guardian Patient's Health Care Power of Attorney
- Relative or other person who receives government benefits on behalf of patient
- Relative or other person who arranges treatment or handles the patient's affairs
- Representative of an agency or institution that furnished care, services or assistance to the patient.

I am signing on behalf of the patient. I recognize that signing on behalf of the patient is not an acceptance of financial responsibility for the services rendered.

X _____
Representative Signature

Printed Name of Representative

SECTION II - EMERGENCIES ONLY - AMBULANCE CREW AND FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURES

Complete this section **only** for emergency ambulance transports, if patient was physically or mentally incapable of signing, **and** no authorized representative (as listed in Section I) was available or willing to sign on behalf of the patient at the time of service.

A. Ambulance Crew Member Statement (must be completed by crew member at time of transport)

My signature below indicates that, at the time of service, the patient named above was physically or mentally incapable of signing, and that none of the authorized representatives listed in Section I of this form were available or willing to sign on the patient's behalf.

Reason Pt. Incapable of Signing: _____

Name and Location of Receiving Facility: _____ Time at Receiving Facility: _____

X _____
Signature of Crewmember

Printed Name of Crewmember

B. Receiving Facility Representative Signature

The above-named patient was received by this facility at the date and time indicated above.

X _____
Signature of Receiving Facility Representative

Printed Name and Title of Receiving Facility Representative

C. Secondary Documentation

If no facility representative signature is obtained, the ambulance crew should attempt to obtain one or more of the following forms of documentation from the receiving facility that indicates that the patient was transported to that facility by ambulance on the date and time indicated above. The release of this information by the hospital to the ambulance service is expressly permitted by §164.506(c) of HIPAA.

- Patient Care Report (signed by representative of facility)
- Patient Medical Record

- Facility Face Sheet/Admissions Record
- Hospital Log or Other Similar Facility Record