

## OREGON NOTICE AND CONSENT FOR AIDS VIRUS (HIV) TESTING

Examiner:

To evaluate your insurability, the insurer named above (the Insurer) has requested that you provide a sample of your blood, oral fluid or urine for testing and analysis to determine the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) antibodies. By signing and dating this form you agree that this test may be done and that underwriting decisions will be based on the test result. A series of three tests will be performed by a licensed laboratory through a medically accepted procedure.

Your sample will first be subjected to a test known as ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay). If the result of this test is positive, the ELISA test will be repeated. If this repeat ELISA test is also positive, your specimen will be then subjected to another, more specific technique called the Western blot test, for confirmation. Your test result is considered positive only after positive results are obtained on two ELISA tests and a Western blot test.

### Pre-Testing Considerations

Many public health organizations have recommended that before taking an AIDS-related test a person seek counseling to become informed concerning the implications of such a test. You may wish to consider counseling, at your expense, prior to being tested.

### Meaning of Positive Test Result

The test is not a test for AIDS. It is a test for antibodies to the HIV virus, the causative agent for AIDS, and shows whether you have been exposed to the virus. A positive test result does not mean that you have AIDS but that you are at significantly increased risk of developing problems with your immune system. The test for HIV antibodies is very sensitive. Errors are rare, but they do occur. Your private physician, a public health clinic, or an AIDS information organization in your city might provide you with further information on the medical implications of a positive test.

Positive HIV antibody test results will adversely affect your application for insurance. This means that your application may be declined, that an increased premium may be charged, or that other policy changes may be necessary.

### Confidentiality of Test Results

All test results are required to be treated confidentially. They will be reported by the laboratory to the Insurer. The test results may be disclosed as required by law or may be disclosed to employees of the Insurer who have the responsibility to make underwriting decisions on behalf of the Insurer or to outside legal counsel who needs such information to effectively represent the Insurer in regard to your application. The results may be disclosed to a reinsurer, if the reinsurer is involved in the underwriting process. The test may be released to an insurance medical information exchange under procedures that are designed to assure confidentiality, including the use of general codes that also cover results of tests for other diseases or conditions not related to AIDS, or for the preparation of statistical reports that do not disclose the identity of any particular person.

### Notification of Test Results

If our test results are negative, no routine notification will be sent to you. If your test results are reported by the laboratory to the Insurer as being positive, you are entitled to that information if you so desire. Because a trained person should deliver that information so that you can understand clearly what the test result means, you may have the Insurer send your test results to either your personal physician or to your local county health department so that either your physician or the health department can tell you the test results and explain its meaning.

If the test results are positive and you do not wish to have them sent to you, indicate to whom you wish to have the test results sent: My Physician ☐; the local county health department ☐.

Name and address of my physician \_\_\_\_\_

Address of my county health department \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to know the results of the test, initial here \_\_\_\_\_. The results will be sent to you at the address provided by registered mail with delivery restricted to you only.

In the event the test is positive and you are denied coverage because of that fact and you request the reason for the denial, the insurer may require you to name either a physician or the county health department at that time in order to receive the information.

**Consent**

I have read and I understand this Notice and Consent for AIDS-related Testing. I voluntarily consent to the withdrawal of blood or other bodily fluid from me, the testing of that blood and/or other bodily fluid, and the disclosure of the test results as described above. I have read the information on this form about what a test result means and understand that I should contact a local AIDS service group or my private physician for further information and counseling if the test result is positive.

I understand that I have the right to request and receive a copy of this authorization. A photocopy of this form will be as valid as the original. I further understand that this consent shall be valid for six (6) months following the date shown below.

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Name of Proposed Insured (Please Print)

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Signature of Proposed Insured or Parent/Guardian

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Address

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Date Signed