

# DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION IMPORTANT— PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DISCLOSURE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION										ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION																									
Wexford Health Sources ("the Company" or "Employer") may obtain information about you from a consumer reporting agency for employment purposes. Thus, you may be the subject of a "consumer report" and/or an "investigative consumer report" which may include information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living, and which can involve personal interviews with employers and/or associates. Please be advised that the nature and scope of the most common form of investigative consumer report obtained with regard to applicants for employment is an investigation into your education and/or employment history conducted by Employment Background Investigations, Inc. (EBI), P.O. Box 629, Owings Mills, MD 21117, 1-800-324- 7700. These reports may be obtained at any time after receipt of your authorization and, if you are hired, throughout your employment. You have the right, upon written request								and and the after end loc info bac trair refi sta and Au	I acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION and A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT and certify that I have read and understand both of those documents. I hereby authorize the obtaining of "consumer reports" and/or "investigative consumer reports" at any time after receipt of this authorization and, if I am hired, throughout my employment. To this end, I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, administrator, local, state or federal agency, institution, school or university (public or private), information service bureau, employer, or insurance company to furnish any and all background information (including, but not limited to, driving and/or motor vehicle records, transcripts, grades and attendance records, employment history, salary information and references, workers compensation reports in Pennsylvania, Arizona and in all other states, drug and alcohol testing results) requested by EBI acting on behalf of Employer, and/or Employer itself. I agree that a facsimile ("fax") or photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original. Minnesota and Oklahoma applicants or employees only: Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of a consumer report if one is obtained by the Company. □ California applicants or employees only: By signing below you also acknowledge receipt of the NOTICE REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA LAW. Please check this box if you would like to receive a copy of an investigative consumer report or consumer credit report if one is obtained by the Company at no charge whenever you have a right to receive such a copy under California law. □																										
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consumer reporting agency and/or a consumer credit reporting agency for employment purposes. Thus, you can expect to be the subject of "investigative consumer reports" and "consumer credit reports" obtained for employment purposes. Such reports may include • information about your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. With respect to any investigative consumer report from an investigative consumer reporting agency ("ICRA"), the Company may investigate the information contained in your employment application and other background information about you, including but not limited to obtaining a criminal record report, verifying references, work history, your social security number, your educational achievements, licensure, and certifications, your driving record, and other information about you, and interviewing people who are knowledgeable about you. The results of this report may be used as a factor in making employment decisions. The source of any investigative consumer report (as that term is defined under California law) will be you 324-7700. The source of any credit report will be TransUnion P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19022, 1-800-888-4213. The Company agrees to provide you with a copy of an investigative consumer report when required to do so under California law.								notic you A so prov a wi any By r with by n oper coun ursel ploy e IC vide s wr u ma ntific XA to	ce. Yo more umma ided itten for the eque reque reque i der t nurr f with ment RA w a wi itten o disc	bu also than arry or by the required sting ests and in the rest of the rest of the required string ests and the rest of the re	so ma the a f all e Ca est, v lepho a cc for cc g of n mili h inf persc ovide expl natio ompa ICRA	ay rec actua informi iformi vith p ne ca py bo ertifie nail a inclu anational c traina nied l may ile in	quest l copy nation a Civ oroper all is p e sen d ma fter su udes identi tion r fam hed p pon of be pu op on f	a cop ving con con cor il Coo repaid to a docu fication nay t any covide e oth re yo perso	by of costs ntained will tifica id by a spe shall nailin ment on ca shall nailin ment code ed wh er pe to on's p	the i for p d in l be tion, or ch cified l not gs le s su ard, CRA in or o ex crese	nform rovid the provi for to harged dadd be li ave t cch a and requ der to plain forma ver a vor you	norm nation ICRA dide tr elephi ad direction fresse able 1 he IC credit irre ad o verit any ation o writter	in pou wind is fill o you oone ectly ee by oor d RAss valid t can dditio y yoo infor conta provinoos	berso ith a le or u via discl to yo y cer lisclo driv rds. onal uur id ainec video ing, '	n. Th copy you telep losure tified sures ver's Only inforr entity on fu d in fi d to yo who r	e ICF of yo that hone e, anc mail. to th licens if yo nation rnishe les m pu for nust	RA may is refinence is refinence is refinence is refinence is refinence is refinence is refinence refinenc	ay no equinu u ha toll c As co arties occial nocern you sined al ins h rea	t cha ed to ve m harg pomply s cau secu ide ing y and on y pecti ason	arge beade e, if ying used urity your will you. on. able									
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## Para informacion en espanol, visite <u>www.ftc.gov/credit</u> o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130 - A 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D. C. 20580.

# A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.ftc.gov/credit or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

- You must be told if information in your file has been used against you. Anyone who uses a credit
  report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment or
  to take another adverse action against you must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and
  phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- You have the right to know what is in your file. You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your "file disclosure"). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See <u>www.ftc.gov/credit</u> for additional information.

- You have the right to ask for a credit score. Credit scores are numerical summaries of your creditworthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/credit">www.ftc.gov/credit</a> for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information. In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- Access to your file is limited. A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.

- You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers. A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/credit">www.ftc.gov/credit</a>
- You may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report. Unsolicited "prescreened" offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- You may seek damages from violators. If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights. For more information, visit <u>www.ftc.gov/credit</u>

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:								
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA           Washington, DC 20580         877-382-4357								
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word "National" or initials "N.A." appear in or after bank's name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743								
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Board Division of Consumer & Community Affairs Washington, DC 20551 202-452-3693								
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word "Federal" or initials "F.S.B." appear in federal institution's name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929								
Federal credit unions (words "Federal Credit Union" appear in institution's name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-519-4600								
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance CorporationConsumer Response Center, 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100Kansas City, Missouri 64108-26381-877-275-3342								
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306								
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture Office of Deputy Administrator – GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051								



### STATE OF NEW YORK CORRECTIONAL LAW (ARTICLE 23-A)

The State of New York's existing Correctional Law Article 23-A was recently enhanced to provide individuals with prior criminal convictions a fair opportunity to seek employment and licensing. New Legislation approved last year provides additional guidelines for employers and licensing authorities who consider criminal convictions in the State of New York.

# Your Action Required! An amendment to Section 380-c and 380-g of the General Business requires employers and licensing authorities, as of February 1, 2009, to now: Provide a copy of Article 23-A of the Corrections Law to all applicants prior to conducting criminal background checks; Post a copy of Article 23-A in a place accessible to employees and in a visually conspicuous manner; and Provide the applicant an additional copy of Article 23-A if a criminal record is found during the actual background check.

Article 23-A precludes employers and licensing authorities from taking adverse action against any applicant with prior criminal convictions or lack of "good moral character," unless there is either a direct relationship between the criminal conviction(s) and the applicant's employment or licensing, or if an unreasonable risk will be created to property or the safety or welfare of individuals or the general public.

New York employers should review and revise their employment policies to ensure compliance. Suggestions for compliance include utilizing a detailed checklist to document that all factors were considered before making the decision to hire an ex-offender, or having all applicants sign an acknowledgement form that they have received the 23-A document prior to the background check.

### NEW YORK CORRECTION LAW ARTICLE 23-A LICENSURE AND EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Section 750. Definitions.

751. Applicability.

752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.

753. Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption.

754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.

### 755. Enforcement.

\$750. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Public agency" means the state or any local subdivision thereof, or any state or local department, agency, board or commission.

(2) "Private employer" means any person, company, corporation, labor organization or association which employs ten or more persons.

(3) "Direct relationship" means that the nature of criminal conduct for which the person was convicted has a direct bearing on his fitness or ability to perform one or more of the duties or responsibilities necessarily related to the license, opportunity, or job in question.

(4) "License" means any certificate, license, permit or grant of permission required by the laws of this state, its political subdivisions or instrumentalities as a condition for the lawful practice of any occupation, employment, trade, vocation, business, or profession. Provided, however, that "license" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include any license or permit to own, possess, carry, or fire any explosive, pistol, handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm.

(5) "Employment" means any occupation, vocation or employment, or any form of vocational or educational training. Provided, however, that "employment" shall not, for the purposes of this article, include membership in any law enforcement agency.

§751. Applicability. The provisions of this article shall apply to any application by any person for a license or employment at any public or private employer, who has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction, and to any license or employment held by any person whose conviction of one or more criminal offenses in this state or in any other jurisdiction preceded such employment or granting of a license, except where a mandatory forfeiture, disability or bar to employment is imposed by law, and has not been removed by an executive pardon, certificate of relief from disabilities or certificate of good conduct. Nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any right an employer may have with respect to an intentional misrepresentation in connection with an application for employment made by a prospective employee or previously made by a current employee.

**§752. Unfair discrimination against persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses prohibited.** No application for any license or employment, and no employment or license held by an individual, to which the provisions of this article are applicable, shall be denied or acted upon adversely by reason of the individual's having been previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses, or by reason of a finding of lack

of "good moral character" when such finding is based upon the fact that the individual has previously been convicted of one or more criminal offenses, unless:

(1) There is a direct relationship between one or more of the previous criminal offenses and the specific license or employment sought or held by the individual; or

(2) the issuance or continuation of the license or the granting or continuation of the employment would involve an unreasonable risk to property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

**§753.** Factors to be considered concerning a previous criminal conviction; presumption. 1. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall consider the following factors:

(a) The public policy of this state, as expressed in this act, to encourage the licensure and employment of persons previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses.

(b) The specific duties and responsibilities necessarily related to the license or employment sought or held by the person.

(c) The bearing, if any, the criminal offense or offenses for which the person was previously convicted will have on his fitness or ability to perform one or more such duties or responsibilities.

(d) The time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.

(e) The age of the person at the time of occurrence of the criminal offense or offenses.

(f) The seriousness of the offense or offenses.

(g) Any information produced by the person, or produced on his behalf, in regard to his rehabilitation and good conduct.

(h) The legitimate interest of the public agency or private employer in protecting property, and the safety and welfare of specific individuals or the general public.

2. In making a determination pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-two of this chapter, the public agency or private employer shall also give consideration to a certificate of relief from disabilities or a certificate of good conduct issued to the applicant, which certificate shall create a presumption of rehabilitation in regard to the offense or offenses specified therein.

**§754. Written statement upon denial of license or employment.** At the request of any person previously convicted of one or more criminal offenses who has been denied a license or employment, a public agency or private employer shall provide, within thirty days of a request, a written statement setting forth the reasons for such denial.

**§755. Enforcement.** 1. In relation to actions by public agencies, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by a proceeding brought pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil practice law and rules.

2. In relation to actions by private employers, the provisions of this article shall be enforceable by the division of human rights pursuant to the powers and procedures set forth in article fifteen of the executive law, and, concurrently, by the New York city commission on human rights.