Consumer Directed Services

Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens

Universal Precautions

Blood has long been recognized as a potential source of pathogenic microorganisms that may present a risk to individuals who are exposed during the performance of their duties. Universal precautions is the method of control required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to protect employees from exposure to all human blood and body fluids. **Universal precautions** refers to a concept of bloodborne disease control, which requires that all human blood and certain human body fluids be treated as if known to be infectious for HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), the Hepatitis B virus and other bloodborne pathogens.

Protective barriers reduce the risk of exposure to blood, body fluids containing visible blood and other fluids to which universal precautions apply. Examples of protective barriers include gloves, gowns, masks and protective eyewear. Universal precautions are intended to supplement rather than replace recommendations for routine infection control, such as hand-washing and using gloves to prevent gross microbial contamination of hands. Universal precautions will be used during the provision of services as applicable and appropriate.

Employee Initials: _____ Date: _____

Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is a serious infection involving the liver. Hepatitis B virus (HBV) can cause lifelong infection, cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, liver cancer, liver failure and death. Hepatitis B is spread when blood or body fluids from an infected person enters the body of a person who is not infected. HBV is a major infectious occupational hazard for health care. Any health-care worker may be at risk for HBV exposure depending on the tasks that he or she performs. Workers should be vaccinated if their tasks involve contact with blood or blood-contaminated body fluids.

Employee Initials: _____ Date: _____

Hepatitis B Vaccination

OSHA standards effective June 4, 1992, require that employers make available the Hepatitis B vaccine and vaccination series to all employees who have occupational exposure. The Hepatitis B vaccine is available at no cost to the employee. The cost to provide vaccinations is an administrative expense to the employer and is reimbursable through the individuals's program budget.

The vaccine is administered in a prescribed series of three injections over a six-month period:

Dose 2 is administered 30 days after Dose 1.

Dose 3 is administered five months following Dose 2.

The employee is responsible for requesting from the healthcare provider administering the vaccination additional information specific to the efficiency, safety, benefits, method of administration and potential side effects of the Hepatitis B vaccination.

The employee may elect to **receive** or **decline** the Hepatitis B vaccination.

Employee Initials: _____ Date: _____

Informed Choice Related to Hepatitis B Vaccination

Employee Statement – Check one statement below.

☐ I **agree** to receive the Hepatitis B vaccination and will be reimbursed by my employer within 30 days of presenting a paid receipt for each dose. I understand that I will only be reimbursed for doses received while employed by the employer.

☐ I **agree** to receive the Hepatitis B vaccination and the employer and I have agreed to the following arrangement(s) related to covering the cost of the vaccination:

☐ I **decline** the Hepatitis B vaccination at this time because I have previously received the Hepatitis B vaccination.

☐ I **decline** the Hepatitis B vaccination.

*** I understand that due to my occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials, I may be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection. I have been given the opportunity to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine at this time. However, I decline the Hepatitis B vaccination at this time. I understand that by declining this vaccine, I continue to be at risk of acquiring Hepatitis B, a serious disease. If in the future I continue to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials and I want to be vaccinated with Hepatitis B vaccine, I can receive the vaccination series at no charge to me.**

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Certification by Employee

I, _____, the **employee**, acknowledge and certify that I have received information on occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, universal precautions, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis B vaccination. I have been provided the opportunity to ask questions and to seek additional information. I have made my choice (as documented above) related to the Hepatitis B vaccination based on informed choice.

* I may decide in the future to request and accept the vaccination at no charge to me.

Employee:	**Employer:**
Printed Name	Printed Name
Signature	Signature
Date	Date