



INTERVENTIONAL PAIN INSTITUTE

Diagnosis & Treatment of Spine, Cancer and Chronic Pain

The personal representative stands in the shoes of the individual and has the ability to act for the individual and exercise the individual's rights. For instance, covered entities must provide the individual's personal representative with an accounting of disclosures in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528, as well as provide the personal representative access to the individual's protected health information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.524 to the extent such information is relevant to such representation. In addition to exercising the individual's rights under the Rule, a personal representative may also authorize disclosures of the individual's protected health information.

In general, the scope of the personal representative's authority to act for the individual under the Privacy Rule derives from his or her authority under applicable law to make health care decisions for the individual. Where the person has broad authority to act on the behalf of a living individual in making decisions related to health care, such as is usually the case with a parent with respect to a minor child or a legal guardian of a mentally incompetent adult, the covered entity must treat the personal representative as the individual for all purposes under the Rule, unless an exception applies. (See below with respect to abuse, neglect or endangerment situations, and the application of State law in the context of parents and minors). Where the authority to act for the individual is limited or specific to particular health care decisions, the personal representative is to be treated as the individual only with respect to protected health information that is relevant to the representation.

Patient's Name: _____

Patient Signature: _____

Name of Patient Representative: _____

Representative Signature: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

Last 4 of Representative SSN or Driver's License: _____

Date: _____