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**NOTICE AND CONSENT FOR HIV/
AIDS- RELATED BLOOD TESTING**

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a life-threatening disorder of the immune system, caused by a virus, HIV. The virus is transmitted by sexual contact with an infected person, from an infected mother to her newborn infant, or by exposure to infected blood (as in needles shared during intravenous drug use). Persons at high risk of contracting AIDS include males who have had sexual contact with another man, intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs and sexual contacts with any of these persons. Symptoms of HIV infection may include but not be limited to fever, sweats, lethargy, headache, aching of the muscles and joints, diarrhea, sore throat, lymph node enlargement, unintentional weight loss, and a skin rash.

To evaluate your insurability, the Insurer named above has requested that you provide a sample of your blood for testing and analysis to determine the presence of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) antibodies and other tests which may include tests for cholesterol and related blood lipids, diabetes, liver or kidney disorders, or immune disorders. By signing and dating this form you agree that these tests may be done and that underwriting decisions will be based on the test results. Regarding the HIV test, a series of three tests will be performed by a licensed laboratory through a medically accepted procedure. An initial ELISA blood test will be done. If that is positive it will be repeated. If the second is positive a Western Blot test will be done.

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 a significantly increased risk of developing AIDS and that you can transmit the virus to someone else.

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. You may wish to consider further independent testing.

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.

All tests results will be treated confidentially. They will be reported by the laboratory to the Insurer. When necessary for business reasons in connection with insurance you have or have applied for with the Insurer, the Insurer may disclose test results to others involved solely in the underwriting process such as its affiliates, reinsurers, employees, or contractors. If the Insurer is a member of the Medical Information Bureau (MIB, Inc.), and if the test results for HIV antibodies/antigens are other than normal, the Insurer will report to the MIB, Inc. a generic code which signifies only a non-specific blood test abnormality. If your HIV test is normal, no report will be made about it to the MIB, Inc. Other test results may be reported to the MIB, Inc. in a more specific manner. The organizations described in this paragraph may maintain the test results in a file or data bank. There will be no other disclosure of test results or even that the tests have been done except as may be required or permitted by law or as authorized by you.

If your 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 are asked to list your private physician so that the Insurer can have him or her tell you the test result and explain its meaning.

Name of physician for reporting a positive test result: _____

Address: _____

If you wish the results to be mailed to some person other than yourself who is not a physician, print that person's name and address here: _____

If you want the results sent directly to you, sign here: _____

Positive results will be sent by registered mail for restricted delivery to the addressee.

For further information about AIDS, the meaning of HIV related test results and the availability and location of HIV counseling services call the New York State Department of Health toll-free Hotline number **1-800-541-AIDS**

Consent

I have read and I understand this Notice and Consent for AIDS-Related Blood Testing. I voluntarily consent to the withdrawal of blood from me by needle from a vein or from a finger, the testing of that blood, and the disclosure of that test result as described above. I have read the information on this form about what a test result means and understand that I may contact a local AIDS service group or my private physician for further information and counseling if that 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. In the event the applicant is a minor, this authorization must be approved by a parent/guardian of the applicant in the space provided.

_____ Proposed Insured	_____ Date of Birth	
_____ Signature of Proposed Insured or Parent/Guardian	_____ Date	_____ State of Residence