

Enrollee name:	Authorized Representative <sup>1</sup> :
Medicaid ID number:	Relationship to Enrollee:
Enrollee date of birth:	

Has the Enrollee or their Authorized Representative received information on the full complement of Medicaid services available to the enrollee, including any Medicaid home and community-based service options (if applicable)?  
 Yes    No

If receiving services in a nursing facility, is the Enrollee or their Authorized Representative opposed to transitioning the enrollee to the community?  Yes    No   If yes, explain:

**Freedom of Choice Certification**

1. My signature on this form certifies that I have read this form or the form has been read to me, and I understand the contents of this form. I understand that by signing this form, I agree with the choice checked below. I also understand that if I change my mind and want to make another choice, my plan case manager will provide me with another form to indicate my new choice.

2. My choice is indicated by the checked box.

I want to receive services in the community.

I want to live in a nursing facility (if assessed need exists).

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Enrollee/Authorized Representative) agree to the case manager attesting to my choice specified on this form.

Enrollee/Authorized Representative signature	Date
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Enrollee/Authorized Representative printed name

Plan Case Manager signature:	Date
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Plan Case Manager Printed Name

<sup>1</sup>Authorized representative must be determined in compliance with applicable federal and state laws (including, but not limited to, 42 CFR Part 435, and Chapters 709, 744, and 765 of the Florida Statutes).

**Note:** The original certification form shall be completed and signed by the plan member (enrollee/authorized representative) and maintained in the member's plan file.

## Instructions for Freedom of Choice Certification

Within seven (7) days of initial enrollment and at least annually thereafter, the plan case manager shall review the Freedom of Choice Certification with the plan member (enrollee) and obtain the enrollee's signature on the completed certification.

In the enrollee information panel at the top of the form, enter the enrollee's:

- First and last name in the Enrollee Name field;
- Medicaid Identification (ID) Number; and
- Date of Birth (DOB).

If the enrollee has an authorized representative, provide:

- Representative's first and last name in the Authorized Representative field; and
- Representative's relationship to the enrollee.

If the enrollee does not have an authorized representative, enter "N/A" in the Authorized Representative and Relationship to Enrollee fields.

Determine if enrollee or his or her authorized representative has:

- Received information about Medicaid services available to the enrollee in the community; or
- Any opposition to transitioning the enrollee to the community.

If the enrollee or authorized representative responds that information about Medicaid services available in the community has **not** been received, then review the descriptions of home and community-based services and options for receiving Medicaid services in the community (as applicable) with the enrollee before completing the Freedom of Choice Certification.

Request that the enrollee or authorized representative read and review the Freedom of Choice Certification and indicate enrollee choice for receiving Medicaid services.

Obtain the enrollee's or enrollee authorized representative's signature above his or her printed name.

After the enrollee/authorized representative agrees to allow the case manager to attest to the choice indicated by the enrollee/authorized representative, the plan case manager shall sign and date the certification form and place it in the plan member's (enrollee) file.

A copy of the completed and signed certification shall be provided to the enrollee/authorized representative via hand delivery or mail within five (5) business days of the date of certification.



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- Provides free (no-cost) aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters.
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Provides free (no-cost) language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters.
  - Information written in other languages.

If you need these services, contact AmeriHealth Caritas Florida at **1-855-355-9800 (TTY 1-855-358-5856)**. We are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you believe that AmeriHealth Caritas Florida has failed to provide these services or has discriminated against you in another way, you or your authorized representative (if we have your written authorization on file) can file a grievance with:

- Grievances and Appeals, P.O. Box 7368, London, KY 40742. Phone: **1-855-371-8078 (TTY 1-855-371-8079)**, or Fax: **1-855-358-5847**.
- You can file a grievance by mail, fax, or phone. If you need help filing a grievance, AmeriHealth Caritas Florida Member Services is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
**1-800-368-1019 (TTY 1-800-537-7697)**

Complaint forms are available at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

English: This information is available for free in other languages. Please contact our customer service number at **1-855-355-9800 (TTY 1-855-358-5856)**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If your primary language is not English, or to request auxiliary aids, assistance services are available to you, free of charge.

Spanish: Esta información está disponible en otros idiomas de forma gratuita. Póngase en contacto con nuestro número de servicios al cliente al **1-855-355-9800 (TTY 1-855-358-5856)**, las 24 horas del día, los siete días de la semana. Si su idioma principal no es el inglés, o necesita solicitar ayudas auxiliares, hay servicios de asistencia a su disposición de forma gratuita.

Haitian Creole: Enfòmasyon sa yo disponib gratis nan lòt lang. Tanpri kontakte ekip sèvis kliyan nou an nan **1-855-355-9800 (TTY 1-855-358-5856)**, 24 è sou 24, sèt jou sou sèt. Si anglè pa lang manman w oswa si w ta renmen mande yon èd konplemantè, ou ka resevwa sèvis ki gratis pou ede w.

Vietnamese: Thông tin này có sẵn miễn phí ở các ngôn ngữ khác. Vui lòng liên lạc bộ phận dịch vụ khách hàng của chúng tôi theo số **1-855-355-9800 (TTY 1-855-358-5856)**, 24 giờ một ngày, bảy ngày trong tuần. Nếu ngôn ngữ chính của quý vị không phải là tiếng Anh, hoặc để yêu cầu các thiết bị trợ giúp bổ sung, thì quý vị có thể sử dụng miễn phí các dịch vụ hỗ trợ.