**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Indian Health Service

# REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION BY ALTERNATIVE MEANS OR ALTERNATE LOCATION

I, , Date of Birth request an alternative means of communication of my health information (e.g., regular mail, telephone, facsimile) or communication of my health information to an alternate location.

*I understand that request for communication by alternative means or to an alternate location is applicable only to information held by the Indian Health Service (IHS) and disclosure by alternative means may not be protected and could endanger me. I understand that request for FAX communication may be intercepted by others and IHS is not responsible if such intercepts occur.*

(**Note:** IHS is only able to send email through the IHS Secure Data Transfer System or RPMS Direct.

IHS is unable to approve text messaging as an alternate means of communication at this time)

Please describe in detail your proposed alternative means or alternate location for receiving communications from IHS:

Alternate Mailing Address:

Alternate Phone Number:

Alternate Means of Contact *(Please Specify)*:

This request applies to the following information: Today’s Date of Service only

From:

To:

From: Until Further Notice

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| SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  *(If Personal Representative, state relationship to patient)* | DATE |
| SIGNATURE OF WITNESS *(If signature of patient is a thumbprint or mark)* | DATE |

Request Approved Denied If denied, reason *(check one)*:

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Request is not reasonable to accommodate Alternate address or contact not provided

Failure to provide information on how payment will be made (if applicable)

Other *(please explain)*:

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