

MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Client Consent—Release of Information

The Missouri Community Action Management Information System (MIS) serves Missouri's Community Action Agencies, a network of partner agencies working together to provide services to low-income individuals and families in Missouri.

The information that is collected in the MIS database is protected by limiting access to the database and by limiting with whom the information may be shared, in compliance with the standards set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Every person and agency that is authorized to read or enter information into the database has signed an agreement to maintain the security and confidentiality of the information. Any person or agency that is found to violate their agreement may have their access rights terminated and may be subject to further penalties.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING:

I authorize the partner agencies and their representatives to share the following information regarding my family/household and me. I understand that this information is for the purpose of assessing our needs for employment, housing, utility assistance, food, counseling and/or other services.

The information may consist of the following:

- My financial situation, to include the amount of my income, assets, and/or other non-cash benefits I may have. This information may also include debts I owe for utilities, rent, etc.
- Identifying and/or historical information regarding myself and members of my family/household.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- Information I give concerning medical, physical or mental health will not be shared with other partner agencies in any way that identifies me.
- The partner agencies have signed agreements to treat my information in a professional and confidential manner. I have the right to view the client confidentiality policies used by the MIS.
- Staff members of the partner agencies who will see my information have signed agreements to maintain confidentiality regarding my information.
- I have the right to request information about who has access to my information.
- The partner agencies may share non-identifying information about the people they serve with other parties working to end poverty.
- The release of my information for the MIS does not guarantee that I will receive assistance, and my refusal to authorize the use of my identifying information does not disqualify me from receiving assistance.
- This authorization will remain in effect unless I revoke it in writing, and I may revoke authorization at any time by signing a written statement available at any partner agency.
- If I revoke my authorization all identifying information already in the database will remain, but will no longer be shared with partner agencies.

Partner Agencies: A list of the partner agencies within the Statewide Community Action Network may be viewed prior to signing this form.

Client Name (please print)

Client Signature

Date

Social Security Number

Agency Personnel Name (please print)

Agency Personnel Signature

Date

This form may not be amended except by the MIS Steering Committee.