

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PUBLIC TRUST POSITIONS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)

If you answered "Yes" to Section 5 of the Standard Form 85P with the supplemental SF 85P-S, carefully read this authorization to release information about you, then sign and date.

This is an authorization for the investigator to ask your health practitioner (s) the questions below concerning your mental health consultations. The U.S. government recognizes the critical importance of mental health and advocates proactive management of mental health conditions to support the wellness and recovery of Federal employees and others. The government recognizes that mental health counseling and treatment may provide important support for those who have experienced traumatic events, as well as for those with other mental health conditions. While most individuals with mental health conditions do not present risks, there may be times when such a condition can affect a person's suitability for positions of public trust with the Federal government. Seeking or receiving mental health care for personal wellness and recovery may contribute favorably to your suitability determination. Your signature will allow the practitioner (s) to answer only those questions identified below.

Authorization

I am seeking assignment to or retention in a public trust position. As part of the investigation process, I hereby authorize the investigator, special agent, or duly accredited representative of the authorized Federal agency conducting my background investigation, reinvestigation, and my health practitioner (s) to provide the information requested below, relating to my mental health consultations.

In accordance with HIPAA, I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by writing to my health care provider/entity. I understand that I may revoke this authorization, except to the extent that action has already been taken based on this authorization. Further, I understand that this authorization is voluntary. My treatment, payment, enrollment in a health plan, or eligibility for benefits will not be conditioned upon my authorization of this disclosure.

I understand the information disclosed pursuant to this authorization is for use by the Federal Government only for purposes provided in the Standard Form 85P and will no longer be subject to the HIPAA Privacy Rule, and that the Federal Government may redisclose the information as authorized by law, subject to Privacy Act safeguards.

Photocopies of this authorization with my signature are valid. This authorization is valid for one (1) year from the date signed or upon termination of my affiliation with the Federal Government, whichever is sooner.

Signature (<i>Sign in ink</i>)		Full name (<i>Type or print legibly</i>)			Date signed (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)
Other names used				Social Security Number	
Current street address Apt. #	City (<i>Country</i>)	State	ZIP Code	Telephone number	

For Use By Practitioner(s) Only

Does the person under investigation have a condition that could impair his or her judgment, reliability, or ability to perform a position of public trust? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO If so, describe the nature of the condition and the extent and duration of the impairment or treatment. What is the prognosis? Dates of treatment?		
Signature (<i>Sign in ink</i>)	Practitioner name	Date signed (<i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>)