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In order for us to evaluate your eligibility for insurance coverage, we request that you provide a blood or other bodily fluid sample for HIV testing and analysis. The test that will be performed will determine the presence of antibodies to the HIV virus. By signing and dating this form, you agree that the HIV antibody test may be performed on your blood or other bodily fluid sample and that underwriting decisions may be based on the test results. A positive test result will adversely affect your insurance application. It also may result in uninsurability for life, health, or disability insurance for which you may apply in the future.

The HIV virus

The HIV virus causes a life-threatening disorder of the immune system called Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Antibodies to the HIV virus are found in the blood and other bodily fluids of most people with AIDS and AIDS-Related Complex (ARC), and can be found in people who do not have AIDS or ARC but have been exposed to the virus. The virus is spread by sexual contact with an infected person, by exposure to infected blood (as in needle sharing during intravenous drug use or, rarely, as a result of a blood transfusion), or from an infected mother to her new-born infant.

The HIV antibody test is actually a series of tests performed upon your blood or other bodily fluid sample by a medically accepted procedure which is extremely reliable. The testing will be performed by a licensed laboratory.

Pre-testing consideration

Many public health organizations have recommended that before taking an HIV virus antibody test a person seek counseling to become informed about the implications of such tests. You may wish to consider counseling, at your expense, prior to being tested.

Other sources of information

For more information about AIDS you may call the Ohio AIDS Hotline at 1-800-332-2437.

Consent for HIV testing

I have read and I understand this HIV Test Informed Consent Form. I voluntarily consent to the withdrawal of blood or to the providing of another bodily fluid sample, the testing of my blood or other bodily fluid for HIV antibodies, and the disclosure of the test results as described on the reverse side of this form. I will be given a copy of this form. This CONSENT is valid for ninety (90) days from the date of my signature below. Insurer agrees to complete testing and provide the authorized notifications, as appropriate, within this 90 (ninety) day period. I understand that I have a right to request and receive a copy of this form. A photocopy of this form will be valid as the original.

Notification of positive test results

In the event of a positive test result:

◯ Send the result to me at: _____
(Address)

◯ I authorize Foresters™ to send the result to another person:

Physician's Name _____ Address _____

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AUTHORIZATION - (Please ensure you read all pages of this form prior to signing below.)

Signature of Applicant _____ Name of Applicant (please print) _____

Signature of Legal Guardian, if any _____ Date (mmm/dd/yyyy) _____

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent _____ Date (mmm/dd/yyyy) _____

Disclosure of test results

All test results are confidential, except as provided by law. State law requires that the laboratory notify the Ohio Department of Health of positive test results.

The results of the test will be reported to the insurance company named on your application for insurance. The insurer may not by law, release positive test results except as provided below:

If your HIV antibody test result is normal, you will not be notified. You will be notified of an abnormal (positive) test result if you indicate that you desire a positive result be made known to you. You may also identify another person to whom you want the positive results released.

If you want a physician or other health care provider to be notified of an abnormal HIV antibody test result, you must indicate the name and address of that physician or provider.

Abnormal test results may be disclosed to persons hired by the insurer who participate in medical underwriting decisions of the insurer. Abnormal test results may also be disclosed to affiliates of the insurer who require the results for medical underwriting purposes.

In addition, if your HIV antibody test is abnormal, a generic code signifying a non-specific blood, oral fluid (saliva) or urine abnormality may be made known to the Medical Information Bureau, Inc. (MIB). The MIB is an organization of life and health insurance companies which operates as an information exchange on behalf of its members. There will be no record with the MIB that you had a positive HIV antibody test; however, there will be a record at the MIB that you have some blood, oral fluid (saliva) or urine abnormality. If you apply to another MIB member company for life or health insurance coverage, the MIB, upon request, will supply the information on you in its file to that member.

Test results

While a positive test result does not necessarily mean that you have AIDS, it does mean that you are at serious risk of developing AIDS or AIDS-related conditions. You may be infected with the HIV virus and infectious to others. You should seek medical follow-up care with your personal health care provider.

HIV test results are highly reliable but not 100% accurate. If the test gives a positive result, you should consider retesting in order to confirm the result. If the test gives a negative result, there is still a small possibility you may be infected with HIV. This is most likely to happen in recently infected persons. It takes at least 4 to 12 weeks for a positive test result to develop after a person is infected, and may take as long as 6 to 12 months.