

**Information Form For Insurance Proposed Insured**

Before consenting to testing, please read the following information:

To evaluate your insurability, the insurer named above (the Insurer) has requested that you be tested. Tests which may be performed include determinations of blood cholesterol and related lipids (fats) and screening for liver or kidney disorders, diabetes, and immune disorders. One of the tests to be performed on this sample will be a test to determine the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) antibodies. By signing and dating this form you agree that this test may be done and that underwriting decisions will be based on the test result. The HIV Antibody Test consists of a series of three tests as outlined below which will be performed by a licensed laboratory through a medically accepted procedure.

**AIDS:**

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a life-threatening disorder of the immune system, caused by a virus, HIV. The virus is transmitted by sexual contact with an infected person, from an infected mother to her newborn infant or by exposure to infected blood (as in needle sharing during IV drug use). Persons at high risk of contracting AIDS include males who have had sexual contact with another man, intravenous drug users, hemophiliacs, and sexual contacts with any of these persons. AIDS does not typically develop until a person has been infected with HIV for several years. A person may remain free of symptoms for years after becoming infected. If symptoms do develop, they may include fever (including night sweats), weight loss, swollen lymph glands, fatigue, diarrhea or white spots in the mouth.

**The HIV Antibody Test:**

**Purpose:** This test is being run to determine whether you may have been infected with HIV. If you are infected, you are probably not insurable. This test is not a test for AIDS, AIDS can only be diagnosed by medical evaluation.

When an HIV Antibody test is performed, it will be performed only by a licensed laboratory and according to the following medical protocol:

- 1) An initial ELISA test will be done. If such test is negative, a negative finding will be reported by the laboratory to the Insurer.
- 2) If the initial ELISA test is positive, another ELISA test will be performed.
  - a) If the second ELISA test is also positive, a Western Blot test will be performed to confirm the positive results of the two ELISA tests.
  - b) If the second ELISA test is negative, a third ELISA test will be performed. If the third ELISA test is positive, a Western Blot test will be performed to confirm the previous positive results. If the third ELISA test is negative, a negative result will be reported to the Insurer.
- 3) Only if at least two ELISA tests and a Western Blot test are all positive will the result be reported as positive. All other results will be reported as negative by the laboratory to the Insurer.

This test is not a test for AIDS. It is a test for antibodies to the HIV virus, the causative agent for AIDS, and shows whether you have been exposed to the virus. A positive test result does not mean that you have AIDS but shows that the risk that you will develop problems with your immune system is significantly increased

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**Confidentiality of Test Results:**

All test results are required to be treated confidentially. They will be reported by the laboratory to the Insurer. The test results may be disclosed as required by law or may be disclosed to employees of the Insurer who have the responsibility to make underwriting decisions on behalf of the Insurer or to its outside legal counsel who need such information to effectively represent the Insurer in regard to your application. The results may be disclosed to a reinsurer, if the reinsurer is involved in the underwriting process. The test may be released to an insurance medical information exchange under procedures that are designed to assure confidentiality, including the use of general codes that also cover results of tests for other diseases or conditions not related to AIDS, or for the preparation of statistical reports that do not disclose the identity of any particular person.

**Notification of Test Results:**

If your test results are negative, no routine notification will be sent to you. If your test results are reported by the laboratory to the Insurer as being positive, you are entitled to that information if you so desire. Because a trained person should deliver that information to you so that you can understand clearly what the test result means, you are asked to list your private physician or other designee so that the Insurer can have him or her tell you the test result and explain its meaning.

**Pre-Testing Conditions:**

Many public health organizations have recommended that before taking an AIDS-related test a person seek counseling to become informed concerning the implications of such a test. You may wish to consider counseling, at your expense, prior to being tested. A list of counseling resources is provided to you with this form.

**Consent**

I have read this Notice and Consent and I have received a copy of the counseling resource list. I voluntarily consent to this testing and the disclosure of the test results as described above. I have read the information on this form about what a test result means and understand that I should contact a local AIDS service group or my private physician for further information and counseling if the test result is positive.

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Name of physician for reporting a possible positive result

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Address

City

State

ZIP

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There is also a form inside the blood profile kit which must be read and signed. If you choose not to sign below on this form or the form in the kit, we will be unable to consider your request for coverage. If you wish for us to continue processing, sign below.

**X**

Signature of Proposed Insured or Parent/Guardian

**X**

Date MM/DD/YYYY

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Print Name

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Address

City

State

ZIP

Sign two copies. Send one signed copy to the Home Office. One copy is for the Insured.