CONSENT FOR STERILIZATION

NOTICE: YOUR DECISION AT ANY TIME NOT TO BE STERILIZED WILL NOT RESULT IN THE WITHDRAWAL OR WITHHOLDING OF ANY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDS.

CONSENT TO STERILIZATION

I have asked for and received information about sterilization from: (Doctor or Clinic): _____. When I first asked doctor or clinic for the information, I was told that the decision to be sterilized is completely up to me. I was told that I could decide not to be sterilized. If I decide not to be sterilized, my decision will not affect my right to future care or treatment. I will not lose any help or benefits from programs receiving Federal funds, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Medicaid that I am now getting or for which I may become eligible.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STERILIZATION MUST BE CONSIDERED PERMANENT AND NOT REVERSIBLE. I HAVE DECIDED THAT I DO NOT WANT TO BECOME PREGNANT, BEAR CHILDREN OR FATHER CHILDREN. I was told about temporary methods of birth control that could be provided to me which will allow me to bear or father a child in the future. I have rejected these alternatives and chosen to be sterilized.

I understand that I will be sterilized by an operation known as a (Type of Operation):	

The discomforts, risks and benefits associated with the operation have been explained to me. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I understand that the operation will not be done until at least 30 days after I sign this form. I understand that I can change my mind at any time and that my decision at any time not to be sterilized will not result in the withholding of any benefits or medical services provided by federally funded programs.

I am at least 21 years of age and was born on (Date)_____. I,_____, hereby consent of my own free will to be sterilized by (Doctor or Clinic) _____ by a method called _____ .

My consent expires 180 days from the date of my signature below. I also consent to the release of this form and other medical records about the operation to: Representatives of the Department of Health Care Services, or Employees of programs or projects funded by the Department but only for determining if State and Federal laws were observed. I have received a copy of this form.

Print Name:	
Signature:	Date:

INTERPRETER'S STATEMENT (If an interpreter is provided to assist the individual to be sterilized)

I have translated the information and advice presented orally to the individual to be sterilized by the person obtaining this consent.

I have also read the individual the consent form in (Language) _____ and explained its contents to the individual. To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual understood this explanation.

Printed Name:	
Interpreter's Signature:	Date:

STATEMENT OF PERSON OBTAINING CONSENT

Before (Name of Individual)_____ signed the consent form, I explained to the individual the nature of sterilization operation (Type of Operation) _____, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it.

I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary. I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent. I informed the individual to be sterilized that the individual consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services, or any benefits provided by Federal funds.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. The individual knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appears to understand the nature and consequences of the procedure.

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent:	Date:	Facility:

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT

Shortly before I performed a sterilization operation upon (Name of Individual): _____ on Date of Sterilization: _____ I explained to him/her the nature of the sterilization operation (Type of Operation) _____, the fact that it is intended to be a final and irreversible procedure, and the discomforts, risks and benefits associated with it.

- ¢ I counseled the individual to be sterilized that alternative methods of birth control are available which are temporary.
- ¢ I explained that sterilization is different because it is permanent.
- ¢ I informed the individual to be sterilized that the individual consent can be withdrawn at any time and that he/she will not lose any health services or benefits provided by Federal funds.
- ¢ To the best of my knowledge and belief the individual to be sterilized is at least 21 years old and appears mentally competent. The individual knowingly and voluntarily requested to be sterilized and appeared to understand the nature and consequences of the procedure.

(Instructions for use of alternative final paragraph:

Use the first paragraph below except in the case of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery where the sterilization is performed less than 30 days after the date of the individual's signature on the consent form. In those cases, the second paragraph below must be used. Cross out the paragraph which is not used.)

(1) At least 30 days have passed between the date of the individual's signature on this consent form and the date the sterilization was performed.

(2) This sterilization was performed less than 30 days but more than 72 hours after the date of the individual's signature on this consent form because of the following circumstances (check applicable box and fill in information requested):

ð Premature delivery- Individual's Expected Date of Delivery:	ð Emergency abdominal surgery- Describe circumstances:	Signature: Date: