CONFIDENTIAL PATIENT INFORMATION: See California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5328

San Mateo County Mental Health Services Division

## REQUEST FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

I would like an accounting of how my protected health information was disclosed by San Mateo County Mental Health Services, as required by federal regulations. I understand that Mental Health does not have to tell me about the following types of disclosures:

- 1. Disclosures for purpose of treatment, payment and health care operations.
- 2. Disclosures to me or to my personal representative
- 3. For notification purposes (to notify a family member, personal representative or other person of the individual's location, general condition [with my authorization] or death)
- 4. For national security or intelligence purposes.
- 5. To correctional institutions or law enforcement officials.
- 6. Disclosures made prior to April 14, 2003.

I also understand that my right to an accounting of some or all disclosures may be suspended by the government under limited circumstances.

I want an accounting of disclosures that covers the following time period:

(Note: the time period must be no longer than six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2003.)

I want the accounting of disclosures in the following form:

- On paper
- Electronically
- Please send my accounting to the following address (provide an email address if you requested your accounting electronically):
- □ I want to pick up the accounting. Please call me at the following phone number when it is ready \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that mental health must give me the accounting of disclosures within 60 days, or tell me that it needs an extra 30 days (or less) to prepare it.

I am entitled to one free accounting of disclosures in any 12-month period. If I want additional accountings within a one-year period, I will be charged an amount based on the actual cost of providing these. I will be told this amount in advance so I can decide whether to continue with my request.

For more information about your privacy rights, see the "Notice of Privacy Practices" available on our website at <u>www.co.sanmateo.ca.us</u>, or ask for it at the Mental Health Clinic where you receive treatment OR send a written request to San Mateo County Mental Health Services, 225 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403.

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with San Mateo County Mental Health Services or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with Mental Health, contact Mental Health Advocacy Services at 800-686-0101. All complaints must be submitted in writing. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.