

Sterilization & Informed Consent

Network Medical Management

Training Overview

- The purpose of an informed consent is be able to explain to the member what the sterilization procedure is and other options they may have prior to this procedure
- Physician or physician office staff member who goes over the consent form must complete the entire consent which includes pt's signature, interpreters signature (if any), MD performing procedure signature.
- It is required to provide the member with booklet on sterilization published by DHCS, as part of the Informed Consent process for sterilization prior to the member signing the PM 330 consent form.
- The staff or physician must document in the medical record that the booklet was provided to the member.
 - ❑ There are booklets on sterilization for male and female, both in English and Spanish.

Provider's Responsibilities

- Providers must use the PM 330 Form for all Medi-Cal members.
- Members must be 21 years of age.
- Interpreters must be used if language is other than English.
- Department of Health does offer the PM 330 form in Spanish.
- "Physician's Statement" segment number 1 or 2 must be crossed out signed, and dated by Physician only.
- The procedure should not take place until 30 days after consent is signed OR no more than 180 days.
- DHCS booklet must be provided to the member prior to sterilization procedure.

Documentation Requirements

SIC Referral File Review

Source: Title 22 Sections 51163, 51305.1, 51305.7, & 770707.6, 42 C.F.R. section 50.201-50.210 & section 1396

1. Consent Form PM330 completely filled out including patient signature and date
2. Evidence that the patient to be sterilized was at least 21 years of age at the time the consent for sterilization is obtained, is not mentally incompetent, and able to understand the nature of the informed consent process, is not institutionalized and has voluntarily given informed consent evidenced by a signed and dated the consent form. (Mentally ill or retarded patients may sign the consent form if they are capable of understanding the nature and significance of the sterilizing procedure).
3. An interpreter was provided if there is evidence that the patient did not understand the language used on the consent form or the language used by person obtaining consent.
4. Evidence of appropriate person completing consent section (physician or designee).
5. Physician who verified consent and actually performed operation has signed and dated consent form (date of physician signature must be on or after sterilization).

Reference

- DHCS Sterilization Booklets for Men & Women in English and Spanish
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/PermanentBirthControl.aspx>
- PM 330 Consent Form
https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/forms/PM-330_Eng-SP.pdf