

**[Insert District Letterhead]**

**Medicaid General Consent**

The [Insert District Name] (District) and the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) have my permission to provide services to my child and release and exchange medical, psychological, and other personally identifiable confidential information, as necessary, to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and any applicable third-party insurer regarding billable services provided to my child. I understand the purpose of this consent is to bill Medicaid and/or private third-party insurer for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

By signing this form, I give the District and the SCDE my permission to bill and receive payment from Medicaid and any third-party insurer for diagnostic and psychological evaluation services, behavioral health services, nursing services, and other health-related screenings and treatment services billable to Medicaid or a third-party insurer with or without the requirement of an individualized education program (IEP). The District provided me written notification consistent with the IDEA regulation at 34 C.F.R. § 300.154(d)(2)(v) and 300.503(c), prior to my signing this consent to release information to bill Medicaid or any third-party insurer and prior to accessing Medicaid or my child's third-party insurance benefits.

I further understand that the District must provide me annual written notification of my rights relative to Medicaid or any third-party insurer accessing my child's information and before the District and the SCDE access my benefits to pay for services under the IDEA. This consent for release of information to bill Medicaid and any third-party insurer is a one-time consent and is not required annually thereafter, unless there is a change in the type or amount of services to be provided to my child or a change in the cost of the services to be charged to Medicaid or a third-party insurer. I understand that Medicaid and third-party insurance reimbursement for billable services provided by the District and the SCDE will not affect any other Medicaid services or insurance benefits for which my child is eligible. I understand that my child will receive the services listed in the IEP regardless of whether my child is covered by public or private insurance programs and regardless of whether I provide consent to access those benefits. I understand that my refusal to consent to the SCDHHS or any third-party insurer accessing my child's personally identifiable information does not relieve the District of its responsibility to ensure that all required services in my child's IEP are provided at no cost to me.

I understand that this consent is voluntary on my part and may be revoked at any time. If I later revoke consent, the revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not negate an action that occurred after the consent was given and before the consent was revoked).

I also understand that the District and the SCDE will operate under the guidelines of the IDEA and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to ensure confidentiality regarding my child's treatment and provision of services.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicaid #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_