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Dear Provider:

Please note that effective December 1, 2011, MDwise Hoosier Alliance (MDHA) is requiring providers to submit a sterilization consent form, signed by the patient, at the time a prior authorization request for the sterilization procedure is made.

In addition, providers must allow at least 30 days, but not more than 180 days, to pass between the date a member gives an informed consent for sterilization and the date when the provider performs the sterilization.

The consent timeframe stated above is waived in instances of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery. However, in cases of premature delivery, the member must sign the informed consent for sterilization 72 hours prior to the sterilization.

Additionally, providers cannot obtain informed consent while the member to be sterilized is:

- in labor or childbirth
- seeking or obtaining an abortion
- under the influence of alcohol or other mind-altering substances

For more details regarding informed consent requirements, please consult Section 7, Chapter 8 of the *Indiana Health Coverage Programs Provider Manual*.

To download and print a copy of the State's Consent Form and MDHA's Prior Authorization Request form, visit <http://www.hoosieralliance.org/provider/provcom/forms/index.aspx>.

Prior authorization requests, and their accompanying informed consent forms, can be submitted via fax to 888-465-5581. If you have any questions, MDHA's Utilization Management staff can be reached at 888-961-3100.

Thank you for continuing to provide quality care to our members.

Sincerely,

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Medical Director