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THIRD-PARTY FORMS
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RATIONAL

Third-party forms are agreements where a third party has a role that affects the professional relationship between patient and physician. These forms are associated with the provision of health care, and the patient is often asked to sign a form that requires them to disclose personal information to the third party. The CMA recommends that the physician provide a copy of these forms to the patient for review and discussion with the patient. The forms should be reviewed carefully to ensure that they do not limit the physician's ability to provide care to the patient. The CMA encourages physicians to have a clear understanding of the forms that are being used and to discuss any concerns with the patient.

SCOPE OF POLICY

The scope of this policy is limited to third-party forms that are used to facilitate the provision of health care services. The policy does not cover forms that are used for administrative purposes or for the purpose of billing.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Determination

- The physician should always provide the patient with a copy of the form to review and discuss with the patient. The physician should ensure that the patient understands the terms and conditions of the form.

- The physician should ensure that the patient is aware of any limitations on the physician's ability to provide care to the patient. The physician should also ensure that the patient understands the implications of signing the form.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to consent to treatment.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to refuse treatment.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to withdraw consent at any time.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to seek a second opinion.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to seek a complaint resolution process.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to seek a legal remedy.

- The physician should ensure that the form does not limit the patient's ability to seek a medical association for help.