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Attention: All Providers

Spanish-Language Sterilization Consent Form Requirements

A Spanish version of the Sterilization Consent form is available on the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website at <u>https://www.hhs.gov/opa/sites/default/files/consent-for-sterilization-spanish-updated.pdf</u>. Providers also can access the Spanish-language version of the Sterilization Consent Form from the page2 of the <u>Medicaid forms web pages</u> by clicking on the words "Sterilization Consent Form." Providers may choose to complete the form for each individual or pre-populate information on the website prior to printing the consent form. Signature fields may not be pre-populated.

Interpreter services must be employed prior to the signing of the sterilization consent form for any beneficiary for whom English is a second language to assure that the beneficiary clearly understands the form's content. This applies whether the English or Spanish version of the Sterilization Consent Form is used. The interpreter's section must include the interpreter's signature, the date of the interpreter's service and the language used. Failure to complete all fields in the interpreter's section will result a permanent denial of the sterilization consent form. More information – including other sterilization consent form requirements – can be found in <u>Clinical Policy 1E-3</u>, *Sterilization Procedures*.

Providers with questions can contact the CSRA Call Center at 1-800-688-6696 or <u>NCTracksprovider@nctracks.com.</u>

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