UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
AT CHARLESTON

IN RE: ETHICON, INC., PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	**Master File No. 2:12-MD-02327** **MDL No. 2327**
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL CASES	**JOSEPH R. GOODWIN** **U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE**

PRETRIAL ORDER # 208

(Revised Authorizations attached to Plaintiff Profile Form and Plaintiff Fact Sheet)

The court has been advised that the Medicare Authorizations attached to PTO # 37 (Revised Verifications and Authorization Attached to Plaintiff Profile Form) and PTO # 40 (Plaintiff Fact Sheet) have been updated. The revised Medicare authorization forms (which are MDL specific) are attached hereto. The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to replace the Medicare authorizations on the court's website with the current versions attached hereto. It is **ORDERED** that plaintiffs use the updated forms found on the website when completing a Plaintiff Profile Form or a Plaintiff Fact Sheet.

The court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in 2:12-md-2327 and it shall apply to each member related case previously transferred to, removed to, or filed in this district, which includes counsel in all member cases up to and including civil action number 2:15-cv-16139. In cases subsequently filed in this district, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action at the time of filing of the complaint. In cases subsequently removed or transferred to this court, a copy of the most recent pretrial order will be provided by the Clerk to counsel appearing in each new action upon removal

or transfer. It shall be the responsibility of the parties to review and abide by all pretrial orders previously entered by the court. The orders may be accessed through the CM/ECF system or the court's website at www.wvsd.uscourts.gov.

ENTER: December 16, 2015

JOSEPH R. GOODWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Social Security Administration

Consent for Release of Information

Form Approved
OMB No. 0960-0566

Instructions for Using this Form

Complete this form only if you want us to give information or records about you, a minor, or a legally incompetent adult, to an individual or group (for example, a doctor or an insurance company). If you are the natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian, acting on behalf of a minor child, you may complete this form to release only the minor's non-medical records. We may charge a fee for providing information unrelated to the administration of a program under the Social Security Act.

NOTE: Do not use this form to:

- Request the release of medical records on behalf of a minor child. Instead, visit your local Social Security office or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY-1-800-325-0778), or
- Request detailed information about your earnings or employment history. Instead, complete and mail form SSA-7050-F4. You can obtain form SSA-7050-F4 from your local Social Security office or online at www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf.

How to Complete this Form

We will not honor this form unless all required fields are completed. An asterisk (*) indicates a required field. Also, we will not honor blanket requests for "any and all records" or the "entire file." You must specify the information you are requesting and you must sign and date this form. We may charge a fee to release information for non-program purposes.

- Fill in your name, date of birth, and social security number or the name, date of birth, and social security number of the person to whom the requested information pertains.
- Fill in the name and address of the person or organization where you want us to send the requested information.
- Specify the reason you want us to release the information.
- Check the box next to the type(s) of information you want us to release including the date ranges, where applicable.
- You, the parent or the legal guardian acting on behalf of a minor child or legally incompetent adult, must sign and date this form and provide a daytime phone number.
- If you are not the individual to whom the requested information pertains, state your relationship to that person. We may require proof of relationship.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Section 205(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect the information requested on this form. We will use the information you provide to respond to your request for access to the records we maintain about you or to process your request to release your records to a third party. You do not have to provide the requested information. Your response is voluntary; however, we cannot honor your request to release information or records about you to another person or organization without your consent. We rarely use the information provided on this form for any purpose other than to respond to requests for SSA records information. However, the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)) permits us to disclose the information you provide on this form in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1.To enable an agency or third party to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and or coverage;
2.To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level;
3.To comply with Federal laws requiring the disclosure of the information from our records; and,
4.To facilitate statistical research, audit, or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of SSA programs.

We may also use the information you provide when we match records by computer. Computer matching programs compare our records with those of other Federal, State, or local government agencies. We use information from these matching programs to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally-funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of incorrect payments or overpayments under these programs. Additional information regarding this form, routine uses of information, and other Social Security programs is available on our Internet website, www.socialsecurity.gov, or at your local Social Security office.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

This information collection meets the requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You do not need to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take about 3 minutes to read the instructions, gather the facts, and answer the questions. **SEND OR BRING THE COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. You can find your local Social Security office through SSA's website at** www.socialsecurity.gov**. Offices are also listed under U.S. Government agencies in your telephone directory or you may call 1-800-772-1213 (TYY 1-800-325-0778).** You may send comments on our time estimate above to: SSA, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. ***Send only comments relating to our time estimate to this address, not the completed form.***

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You must complete all required fields. We will not honor your request unless all required fields are completed. *(*signifies a required field).*

TO: Social Security Administration

***My Full Name**	***My Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)**	***My Social Security Number**

I authorize the Social Security Administration to release information or records about me to:

***NAME OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:**	***ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION:**
Butler Snow LLP	1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 1400
	Ridgeland, MS 39157
The Marker Group, Inc.	13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77040

***I want this information released because:**

We may charge a fee to release information for non-program purposes.

***Please release the following information selected from the list below:**

You must specify the records you are requesting by checking at least one box. We will not honor a request for "any and all records" or "my entire file." Also, we will not disclose records unless you include the applicable date ranges where requested.

1. ☐ Social Security Number
2. ☐ Current monthly Social Security benefit amount
3. ☐ Current monthly Supplemental Security Income payment amount
4. ☐ My benefit or payment amounts from date _____ to date _____
5. ☐ My Medicare entitlement from date _____ to date _____
6. ☐ Medical records from my claims folder(s) from date_____ to date_____

   If you want us to release a minor child's medical records, do not use this form. Instead, contact your local Social Security office.
7. ☐ Complete medical records from my claims folder(s)
8. ☐ Other record(s) from my file **(you must specify the records you are requesting, e.g., doctor report, application, determination or questionnaire)**

I am the individual, to whom the requested information or record applies, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor, or the legal guardian of a legally incompetent adult. I declare under penalty of perjury (28 CFR § 16.41(d)(2004)) that I have examined all the information on this form, and any accompanying statements or forms, and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that anyone who knowingly or willfully seeks or obtain access to records about another person under false pretenses is punishable by a fine of up to $5,000. I also understand that I must pay all applicable fees for requesting information for a non-program-related purpose.

***Signature:** _____ ***Date:** _____

***Address:** _____

Relationship (if not the subject of the record): _____ ***Daytime Phone:** _____

Witnesses must sign this form ONLY if the above signature is by mark (X). If signed by mark (X), two witnesses to the signing who know the signee must sign below and provide their full addresses. Please print the signee's name next to the mark (X) on the signature line above.

1.Signature of witness	2.Signature of witness
Address(Number and street,City,State, and Zip Code)	Address(Number and street,City,State, and Zip Code)

Medicare

Beneficiary Services:1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)
TTY/TDD:1-877-486-2048

This form is used to advise Medicare of the person or persons you have chosen to have access to your personal health information.

Where to Return Your Completed Authorization Forms:
After you complete and sign the authorization form, return it to the address below:

Medicare BCC, Written Authorization Dept.
PO Box 1270
Lawrence, KS 66044

For New York Medicare Beneficiaries ONLY
The New York State Public Health Law protects information that reasonably could identify someone as having HIV symptoms or infection, and information regarding a person's contacts. Because of New York's laws protecting the privacy of information related to alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment, and HIV, there are special instructions for how you, as a New York resident, should complete this form.

- For question 2A, check the box for *Limited Information*, even if you want to authorize Medicare to release any and all of your personal health information.

- **Then proceed to question 2B.** You may also check any of the remaining boxes and include any additional limitations in the space provided. For example, you could write "payment information".

Medicare BCC, Written Authorization Dept.
PO Box 1270
Lawrence, KS 66044

Instructions for Completing Section 2C of the Authorization Form:
Please select one of the following options.

- **Option 1** To **include** all information, check the box: "all information, including information about alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment, and HIV". Proceed with the rest of the form.

- **Option 2** To **exclude** the information listed above, check the box: "Exclude information about alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment and HIV". Then proceed with the rest of the form.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please feel free to call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Sincerely,

1-800-MEDICARE
Customer Service Representative

Encl.

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Information to Help You Fill Out the "1-800-MEDICARE Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information" Form

By law, Medicare must have your written permission (an "authorization") to use or give out your personal medical information for any purpose that isn't set out in the privacy notice contained in the Medicare & You handbook. You may take back ("revoke") your written permission at any time, except if Medicare has already acted based on your permission.

If you want 1-800-MEDICARE to give your personal health information to someone other than you, you need to let Medicare know in writing.

If you are requesting personal health information for a deceased beneficiary, please include a copy of the legal documentation which indicates your authority to make a request for information. (For example: Executor/Executrix papers, next of kin attested by court documents with a court stamp and a judge's signature, a Letter of Testamentary or Administration with a court stamp and judge's signature, or personal representative papers with a court stamp and judge's signature.) Also, please explain your relationship to the beneficiary.

Please use this step by step instruction sheet when completing your "1-800-MEDICARE Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information" Form. Be sure to complete all sections of the form to ensure timely processing.

1. Print the name of the person with Medicare.

Print the Medicare number exactly as it is shown on the red, white, and blue Medicare card, including any letters (for example, 000000000A).

Print the birthday in month, day, and year (mm/dd/yyyy) of the person with Medicare.

2. This section tells Medicare what personal health information to give out. Please check a box in 2A to indicate how much information Medicare can disclose. If you only want Medicare to give out limited information (for example, Medicare eligibility), also check the box(es) in 2B that apply to the type of information you want Medicare to give out. Box 2C must be completed by **New York Residents**.

3. This section tells Medicare when to start and/or when to stop giving out your personal health information. Check the box that applies and fill in dates, if necessary.

4. Medicare will give your personal health information to the person(s) or organization(s) you fill in here. You may fill in more than one person or organization.

If you designate an organization, you must also identify one or more individuals in that organization to whom Medicare may disclose your personal health information.

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5. The person with Medicare or personal representative must sign their name, fill in the date, and provide the phone number and address of the person with Medicare.

   If you are a personal representative of the person with Medicare, check the box, provide your address and phone number, and attach a copy of the paperwork that shows you can act for that person (for example, Power of Attorney).

6. Send your completed, signed authorization to Medicare at the address shown here on your authorization form.

7. If you change your mind and don't want Medicare to give out your personal health information, write to the address shown under number six on the authorization form and tell Medicare. Your letter will revoke your authorization and Medicare will no longer give out your personal health information (except for the personal health information Medicare has already given out based on your permission).

You should make a copy of your signed authorization for your records before mailing it to Medicare.

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1-800-MEDICARE Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information

Use this form if you want 1-800-MEDICARE to give your personal health information to someone other than you.

1. **Print Name** (First and last name of the person with Medicare)	**Medicare Number** (Exactly as shown on the Medicare Card)	**Date of Birth** (mm/dd/yyyy)

2. Medicare will only disclose the personal health information you want disclosed.

2A: Check only <u>one</u> box below to tell Medicare the specific personal health information you want disclosed:

- ☐ Limited Information (go to question 2b)
- ☐ Any Information (go to question 3)

2B: Complete <u>only</u> if you selected "limited information". Check all that apply:

- ☐ Information about your Medicare eligibility
- ☐ Information about your Medicare claims
- ☐ Information about plan enrollment (e.g. drug or MA Plan)
- ☐ Information about premium payments
- ☐ Other Specific Information (please write below; for example, payment information)

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2C: NY Residents Only, this section must be completed.
Please select one of the following options: (Please check only one box.)

- ☐ Include all information. This includes information about alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment, and HIV.

OR

- ☐ Exclude information about alcohol and drug abuse, mental health treatment, and HIV.

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3. **Check only one box below indicating how long Medicare can use this authorization to disclose your personal health information** (subject to applicable law—for example, your State may limit how long Medicare may give out your personal health information):

☐ Disclose my personal health information indefinitely

☐ Disclose my personal health information for a specified period only

beginning: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) and ending: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

4. **Fill in the name and address of the person or organization to whom you want Medicare to disclose your personal health information. Please provide the specific name of the person for any organization you list below. If you would like to authorize any additional individuals or organizations, please add those to the back of this form.**

Name Butler Snow LLP

Address 1020 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 1400, Ridgeland, MS 39157

Name The Marker Group, Inc.

Address 13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77040

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Note: You have the right to take back ("revoke") your authorization at any time, in writing, except to the extent that Medicare has already acted based on your permission. To revoke authorization, send a written request to the address noted below. Your authorization or refusal to authorize disclosure of your personal health information will have no effect on your enrollment, eligibility for benefits, or the amount Medicare pays for the health services you receive.

5. **I authorize 1-800-MEDICARE to disclose my personal health information listed above to the person(s) or organization(s) I have named on this form. I understand that my personal health information may be re-disclosed by the person(s) or organization(s) and may no longer be protected by law.**

_____ _____ _____

Signature | Telephone Number | Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Print the address of the person with Medicare (Street Address, City, State, and ZIP)

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☐ Check here if you are signing as a personal representative and complete below. Please attach the appropriate documentation (for example, Power of Attorney). This only applies if someone other than the person with Medicare signed above.

Print the Personal Representative's Address (Street Address, City, State, and ZIP)

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Telephone Number of Personal Representative: _____

Personal Representative's Relationship to the Beneficiary: _____

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6. **Send the completed, signed authorization to:**

Medicare BCC, Written Authorization Dept.
PO Box 1270
Lawrence, KS 66044

PrintForm

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0938-0930. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: PRA Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.