## **Consent and Release Form**

## Crimes That May Block Your Employment Long Term Care Security Act – Title 63 O.S. Section 1-1945 et. seq.

You must be fingerprinted to work with this employer. We will do a national background check and an arrest in any state is reviewed. If you were sentenced for the crime, you may not be able to work for the following health care employers: nursing, assisted living, adult day care, and residential care facilities; homes for the developmentally disabled; group homes; home health and hospice agencies.

The following crimes apply to nurse aides, activity, social services, kitchen, housekeeping, maintenance and other non-licensed jobs. If you are a licensed health care professional, your licensure board has defined the crimes that apply to your license. Tell this provider if you were fingerprinted for your license. Your arrest history will be monitored. If sentenced for any disqualifying crimes while employed you may lose your job.

You will be found not eligible for a job with these employers if you were ever sentenced for one of the following crimes or a related crime:<sup>1</sup>

- a. abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of any person entrusted to the care or possession of such person,
- b. rape, incest or sodomy,
- c. child abuse,
- d. murder or attempted murder,
- e. manslaughter,
- f. kidnapping,
- g. aggravated assault and battery,
- h. assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, or
- i. arson in the first degree.

You will be found not eligible for a job with these employers if you were ever sentenced for one of the following crimes or a related crime and less than seven (7) years has passed since you completed the terms of your sentence, including any period of deferment<sup>2</sup>:

- a. assault,
- b.battery,
- c.indecent exposure and indecent exhibition, except where such offense disqualifies the applicant as a registered sex offender,
- d. pandering,
- e. burglary in the first or second degree,
- f. robbery in the first or second degree,
- g.robbery or attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, or imitation firearm,
- h. arson in the second degree,
- i. unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a Schedule I through V drug as defined by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,
- j. grand larceny, or
- k. petit larceny or shoplifting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the results of a criminal history background check reveal that the subject person has been convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to, or received a deferred sentence for, a felony or misdemeanor offense for any of the following offenses in any state or federal jurisdiction, the employer shall not hire or contract with the person. [63 O.S. § 1-1950.1(C)(1)]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If less than seven (7) years have elapsed since the completion of sentence\*, and the results of a criminal history check reveal that the subject person has been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, a felony or misdemeanor offense for any of the following offenses, in any state or federal jurisdiction, the employer shall not hire or contract with the person [63 O.S. § 1-1950.1(C)(2)]

<sup>\*</sup> The law defines "Completion of the sentence" to mean the last day of the entire term of the incarceration imposed by the sentence including any term that is deferred, suspended or subject to parole [63 O.S. § 1-1950.1(A)(5)]

This form is a provided as a courtesy for the use of employers. Other versions of this form may also be used for the purposes of Title 63 O.S. § 1-1947(H), which requires that an applicant shall provide the employer a government photo identification of the applicant and written consent for the employer to conduct a registry screening and the Bureau [Okla. State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI)] to conduct a state and national criminal history record check under this section. The employer shall maintain the written consent and information regarding the individual's identification in their files for audit purposes.

For the purposes of documenting the individual's identification, it is recommended a copy of the identification be maintained with the applicant's written consent.

## Employer must retain the signed applicant consent.

Instructions to Applicant: Prior to employment with an employer subject to the Long Term Care Security Act [63 O.S. 1-1945 et. seq.], an applicant must consent to a check of state and/or national licensure, certification, abuse, exclusion and offender registries, and fingerprinting for a state and national criminal history records check as required. Applicants with an active employment history in OK-SCREEN or previously fingerprinted for a license, certification or permit in Oklahoma where the authority having jurisdiction for the license, certification, or permit employs electronic criminal history monitoring, may not require fingerprinting. With your written consent below, the employer will submit your information through the OK-SCREEN portal for checks against state and national registries. If cleared, and the employer wishes to proceed, you will be notified via email or telephone the employer has authorized you to schedule an appointment for fingerprinting. You will be responsible for a Ten Dollar (\$10) administrative processing fee at the time the appointment is scheduled unless the employer elects to pay the fee. You will have ten (10) calendar days to submit your fingerprints through an authorized collection site or your application shall be deemed withdrawn and your will be required to start the application process over. [63 O.S. § 1-1947(I)(4)]

<u>Declarations:</u> By signing this form I consent to registry screening and submission of my fingerprints to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) for forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of conducting a state and national criminal history records check pursuant to 63 O.S. § 1-1947(H). I understand that the results will be shared with the Oklahoma National Background Check Program (ONBCP) operated by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

I understand that if my criminal history record check results reveal information that prevents the Department from making a final determination of employment eligibility, I will be given notice and will have sixty (60) days to make any necessary corrections or additions for the Department to review. If I am unable to make corrections or additions to the record within the sixty (60) days, the Department shall deny eligibility based on the disqualifying results and shall notify me of my right to appeal. The notice shall include the reasons I was found not eligible for employment and a statement that I have a right to appeal the decision. [63 O.S. § 1-1947(K)]

I understand that should I be selected for employment, and as a condition of continued employment, I agree to report to the employer immediately upon being arraigned, indicted, convicted, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to one or more of the criminal offenses applicable to my license, certification, permit or employment class; or upon being the subject of a substantiated finding on a registry as described in this *Consent and Release* and Title 63, Section 1-1947. I further understand that reporting of an arraignment under this subsection may be cause for leave without pay, placement under direct supervision, restriction from direct patient access, termination, or denial of employment. [63 O.S. § 1-1947(Q)]

I understand the OSDH will store the records of an employer's enrolled employees, the results of the screening and criminal arrest records search, and an identifier issued by the OSBI for the purposes of receiving an automatic notification from the OSBI if a subsequent criminal arrest record submitted into the system matches a set of fingerprints previously submitted. Upon notification, the OSBI will immediately notify the Department and the Department will immediately notify the employee. Information in the database established under this subsection is confidential, is not subject to disclosure under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, and shall not be disclosed to any person except for purposes of this act or for law enforcement purposes. The employee shall promptly respond to Department inquiries regarding the status of an arraignment or indictment. Reporting of an arraignment or indictment under this subsection may be cause for leave without pay, placement under direct supervision, restriction from direct patient access, termination, or denial of employment. [63 O.S. § 1-1947(S)]

Pursuant to 63 O.S. § 1-1947(I)(1), the employer shall submit the applicant's name, any aliases, address, former states in which the applicant resided, social security number, and date of birth. Providing the requested information is voluntary; however, failure to furnish the information may affect timely completion or approval of your application. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

This form requests this information for the purposes of a state and national criminal history records search.

These names must appear as recorded on your birth certificate or other official record.