

# Authorization to Obtain and Disclose Information - California

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Those who may release such information are: (a) physicians; (b) medical professionals; (c) practitioners; (d) hospitals or clinics; (e) medical care institutions; (f) Veterans Administration; (g) MIB, Inc.; (h) motor vehicle departments; (i) law enforcement agencies; (j) employers; (k) consumer reporting agencies; and (l) other insurers or reinsurers.

Information about me and/or the persons above which may be released includes: (1) care, treatment or advice; (2) physical or mental conditions; (3) general character; (4) reputation; and (5) life style. Medical records released should include (a) diagnosis; (b) prognosis; and (c) treatment. This information includes drugs and alcohol use. Subject to certain limitations, I, or my authorized representative, may ask for and receive a record of any subsequent disclosures of personal or privileged information.

A copy of this form will be as valid as the original. Either will be valid for 2 years from its date.

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Failure to sign this authorization form may impair the ability of NWL to evaluate or process an application or claim and may be a basis for denying an application or claims for benefits.

I have read this form and have received a copy. I have also received a copy of NWL's "Notice of Information Practices." I know that I (or my representative) may ask for and receive a copy of any investigative consumer report made on me.

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This notice of information practices of National Western Life Insurance Company ("NWL") and your NWL<sup>®</sup> Agent is furnished in accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Law in effect in California. Any rights a consumer, claimant, or beneficiary may have as described in this document are not limited by any other privacy policy or notice of NWL of your agent.

### **Collection of Information**

To properly underwrite and/or administer your insurance coverage, we must collect a certain amount of necessary and helpful information. The amount and type of information collected will vary depending on the amount and type of coverage applied for. We may seek basic identifying information about you, such as your name, address, contact information, government identifiers, among other similar information. We may also seek information about age, occupation, financial information, physical condition, health history, mode of living, avocations, and other personal characteristics. In addition, your NWL Agent may ask you for information intended to aid in updating and improving your insurance program and in marketing other insurance or financial services.

You are our most important source of information, but we may also collect or verify information by contacting medical professionals and institutions which have provided care to you or members of your family proposed for coverage, employers and business associates, friends and neighbors, and other insurance companies to whom you have applied and by examining public records. We may collect information by exchanges of correspondence, by telephone, or by personal contact. We may collect information from MIB, Inc., consumer reporting agencies, insurance support organizations, independent claims examiners, group plan administrators, employers, business associates, or others whom you are acquainted.

In some cases, we may ask an insurance support organization to collect information and submit a report of its findings to us. That organization may retain a copy of the report and may disclose its contents to others for whom it performs such services.

## **Disclosures by National Western Life Insurance Company**

In accordance with law, NWL or your NWL Agent may make disclosures to others of certain items of information about you, without your specific authorization. Following is a brief description of some of the persons or organizations to whom certain items might be disclosed.

- Persons or organizations who perform business, professional or insurance services to us, such as independent claim examiners or group plan administrators;
- Your NWL Agent, consumer reporting agencies hired to prepare investigative reports, and other insurance companies to which you
  have applied for coverage or benefits;
- With the Medical Information Bureau;
- Group plan administrators;
- Your attending physician or treating medical professional;
- Persons or organizations conducting bona fide actuarial or scientific research studies, audits or evaluations;
- To a group policyholder for the purpose of reporting claims experience or conducting an audit of the insurance institution's or agent's operations or services, provided the information disclosed is reasonably necessary for the group policyholder to conduct the review or audit;
- Others pursuant to a subpoena, law enforcement, fraud prevention and investigation, or in connection with litigation.

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A description of the circumstances under which information about you might be disclosed, without your authorization, to the types of persons and organizations referred to above will be sent to you upon request.

Information obtained from a report prepared by an insurance-support organization may be retained by the insurance-support organization and disclosed to other persons as permitted by law.

We reserve the right to share your nonpublic personal and financial information with its affiliates for everyday business purposes without getting your prior written consent where permitted by law.

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## **Notice of Information Practices - California**

### Access, Deletion, and Correction

There are procedures by which you can obtain access to personal information about you appearing in our policy files, including information contained in investigative consumer reports. We have also established procedures by which you may request correction, amendment, or deletion of any information in our files which you believe to be inaccurate or irrelevant. Your request must describe the records you are seeking. If we can reasonably locate and retrieve the requested records, your personal information will be provided in accordance with applicable laws. We may not be able to provide information if it is privileged or relates to investigations, claims, litigation, or similar or related matters. We may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs in providing this record. If we refuse your request, you have a right to file a statement regarding what you believe to be accurate and fair information and why you disagree with our refusal. You may also request the name, address and telephone number of the consumer reporting agency issuing an investigative consumer report about you. We will provide the information within 30 business days of the receipt of your request.

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We hope you find this description of our information practices helpful. We take our responsibilities, and your rights, very seriously. You have the right to receive the specific reason for an adverse underwriting decision in writing. If you have any further questions about the terms of this notice or any adverse underwriting decision, please write to us: Underwriting Department, National Western Life Insurance Company, PO Box 209080, Austin, TX 78720-9080.

### Fair Credit Reporting Act and MIB, Inc. Notices

As a part of our procedure for processing your application for insurance, an investigative consumer report may be prepared whereby information is obtained through personal interviews with your neighbors, friends or others with whom you are acquainted. This inquiry includes information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. Upon written request to us within a reasonable period of time, you are entitled to receive additional detailed information about the nature and scope of this investigation. Your written inquiry may be addressed to UNDERWRITING DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, PO BOX 209080, AUSTIN, TX 78720-9080.

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Upon receipt of a request from you, the MIB, Inc. will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. (Medical Information will be disclosed only to your attending physician.) If you question the accuracy of the information in the MIB, Inc.'s file, you may contact the MIB, Inc. and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of the MIB, Inc.'s information office is Post Office Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02112, telephone number 617-426-3660.

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