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Horses and Humans Improving Lives

Date: _____

Dear Physician:

Your patient, _____ (participant's name) is interested in participating in supervised equestrian activities.

In order to safely provide this service, our center requests that you complete/update the attached Medical History and Physician's Statement Form. Please note that the following conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to therapeutic horseback riding. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present, and to what degree.

Orthopedic

Atlantoaxial Instability – include neurological symptoms
Coxarthrosis
Cranial Deficits
Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans
Joint subluxation/dislocation
Osteoporosis
Pathologic Fractures
Spinal Joint Fusion/Fixation
Spinal Joint Instability/Abnormalities

Neurologic

Hydrocephalus/Shunt
Seizure
Spina Bifida/Chiari II Malformation/
Tethered Coed/Hydromyelia

Other

Age – usually under 4 years
Indwelling Catheters/medical equipment
Medications, i.e., photosensitivity
Poor Endurance
Skin Breakdown

Medical/Psychological

Allergies
Animal Abuse
Cardiac Condition
Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse
Blood Pressure Control
Dangerous to self or others
Exacerbations of medical conditions (e.g., RA, MS)
Fire Settings
Hemophilia
Medical Instability
Migraines
PVD
Respiratory Compromise
Recent Surgeries
Substance Abuse
Thought Control Disorders
Weight Control Disorder

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this patient's participation in therapeutic equine activities, please feel free to contact the center at the address/phone indicated below.

Sincerely,

Marie Manero

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Volunteer Coordinator
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(OVER)

**PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION
** REQUIRED FOR MOUNTED ACTIVITIES ****

(Summer Camp)

Participant: _____ DOB: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Address: _____

Diagnosis: _____ Date of Onset: _____

Past/Prospective Surgeries: _____

Medications: _____

Seizure Type: _____ Controlled? Y N Date of last seizure: _____

Shunt Present? Y N Date of last revision: _____

Special Precautions, Diets/Needs/Allergies: _____

Mobility: Independent Ambulation? Y N Assisted Ambulation? Y N Wheelchair? Y N

Braces/Assistive Devices: _____

This participant is up-to-date on all the following routine childhood immunizations:

Immunization	Y	N	Date:	Immunization	Y	N	Date:
Measles				Hepatitis B			
Rubella				Mumps			
Tetanus				Chicken Pox			
Pertussis				Other:			
Polio							
Diphtheria							
Pneumococcal Conjugate							

Please indicate current or past difficulties in the following systems/areas, including surgeries:

	Y	N	Comments
Auditory			
Visual			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech			
Cardiac			
Circulatory			
Integumentary/Skin			
Immunity			
Pulmonary			
Neurologic			
Muscular			
Balance			
Orthopedic			
Allergies			
Learning Disability			
Cognitive			
Emotional/Psychological			
Pain			
Other			

IMPORTANT NOTE TO DOCTOR/MEDICAL FACILITY:

If you prefer to provide the requested information on your own medical form, we will accept that only when the below release section is completed, signed and dated, and your form is stapled to this High Hopes form.

To my knowledge, there is no reason why this person cannot participate in supervised equestrian activities. However, I understand that the therapeutic riding center will weigh the medical information above against the existing precautions and contraindications. I concur with a referral of the patient to a licensed/credentialed health professional (e.g., PT, OT, Speech, Psychologist, etc) in the implementations of an effective equestrian program.

_____ May participate in all activities. _____ May participate except for: _____

****FOR PERSONS WITH DOWN SYNDROME:**

Neurologic symptoms of Atlanto Axial Instability: Present Not Present

Name/Title: _____ MD DO Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ License/UPIN Number: _____