



# Sterilization Checklist

## Procedure For Filing A Sterilization Claim

- The sterilization consent form (*Medicaid Title XIX Sterilization Consent Form TDHE-603*) must be completed and attached to the claim.
- Physician must sign line 23 on the consent form **AFTER** surgery.
- Correctly completed consent form must be attached to the claim form when submitted for reimbursement.

(Instructions for completing this form can be found in the *Volunteer State Health Plan Provider Administration Manual*).

**NOTE:** The following should be considered when completing this form and/or performing a sterilization procedure:

- The consent form expires 180 days from the date the member signs it.
- If the physician signs the Sterilization Consent Form prior to 8:01 a.m. on the date of the surgery, the time surgery ended must be written below field 24.
- Individual must be at least 21 years old at the time consent is obtained.
- Individual being sterilized must be mentally competent.
- Individual being sterilized must not be institutionalized, involuntarily confined or detained under a civil or criminal status in a correctional or rehabilitative facility or confined in a mental hospital or other facility for the care and treatment of mental illness, whether voluntarily or involuntarily committed.
- There must be 30 days between the date of the member's signature and the date of sterilization procedure (except for cases of premature delivery and emergency abdominal surgery).
- In cases of premature delivery, the member must sign consent form 30 days prior to expected delivery date. However, there must be at least 72 hours between the day and time the member signed the consent form and the day and time the sterilization is performed.
- In cases of emergency abdominal surgery, there must be at least 72 hours between the day and time the member signed the consent form and the day and time the sterilization is performed.

