



## Notes on releasing information about your health

Your health information includes details about all your interactions with health providers, and may include details such as your symptoms, treatment, consultations, personal medical history and lifestyle. Health providers cannot release this information about you without your consent.

We, TAL Life Limited (TAL Life), collect and use your health information to assess your application for cover, to assess and manage your claim, or to confirm the information you gave us when you applied for cover or made a claim. This is why we need your consent.

Each time you apply for cover or make a claim, we will ask you for a fresh consent. We will respect your privacy by only asking for the information we reasonably need, and we will tell you each time we use your consent.

We will use the consent for both the initial information request and any subsequent communication that might be needed in relation to the request – for example, for clarification.

Please read each Authority carefully and the explanatory notes below.

**Authority 1 explanatory notes** – through this Authority, with the exception of a copy of the consultation notes held by your General Practitioner/Practice, you are consenting to any health provider releasing any health information about you in the form we ask for. This may involve, for example:

- preparing a general report and/or a report about a specific condition;
- accessing and releasing your records in SafeScript;
- releasing your hospital patient notes;
- releasing the results of any investigations they have done; and/or
- releasing correspondence with other health providers.

**Authority 2 explanatory notes** – through this Authority, you are consenting to any General Practitioner/Practice you have attended releasing a copy of your full record, including consultation notes, but only if we have asked them to provide a general report and/or a report about a specific condition under Authority 1, and either:

- they will be unable to, or did not, provide the report within 4 weeks; or
- the report provided is incomplete, or contains inconsistencies or inaccuracies.

Your General Practitioner maintains consultation notes to support quality care, your wellbeing and to meet legal and professional requirements. General Practitioners/Practices should only release a copy of your full record, including consultation notes, for life insurance purposes in the rare circumstances set out above.

If you choose to withhold your consent to this authority, we may not be able to process your application for cover or a claim.

## Privacy

The way in which we collect, secure, hold, use and disclose personal and sensitive information (your information) is explained in the 'Your Privacy' section of the PDS and in the current TAL Life Limited privacy policy, which is available at [www.tal.com.au/privacy-policy](http://www.tal.com.au/privacy-policy), and is free of charge on request.

If you have any questions about the way in which your information is managed, or would like a paper copy of our privacy policies, please contact us by phone on 1800 221 727 or by email to [life\\_customerservice@asteronlife.com.au](mailto:life_customerservice@asteronlife.com.au).

# Medical Consent Authority 1

Please sign and return this to TAL Life as soon as possible to finalise your application.

Policy number

Name of life  
to be insured

Date of birth

## Authority 1 – to release any of my health information except the consultation notes held by my General Practitioner/Practice

With the exception of consultation notes held by any General Practitioner/Practice I have attended, I authorise any health provider, practitioner, practice, psychologist, dentist, allied health services provider or any hospital to access and release, in writing or verbally, any details of my health information to TAL Life Limited (TAL Life), or to third parties it engages.

I agree to all the following:

- My health information can be released in the form TAL Life asks for, such as a general report, a report about a specific condition, my records in SafeScript, any hospital notes, or correspondence between health providers.
- TAL Life can collect, use, store and disclose my personal information (including sensitive information) in accordance with privacy laws and Australian Privacy Principles.
- This Authority is valid only while TAL Life is assessing my claim or application for cover, or is verifying disclosures I made in connection with the cover.
- A copy or transcript of this Authority will be valid and effective, and this Authority should be accepted as valid and effective where I have signed electronically or consented verbally.

A copy of this authority shall be considered as valid as the original. I would be grateful if you could attend to this matter as soon as possible.

Name

Signature

Date   /   /

# Medical Consent Authority 2

Please sign and return this to TAL Life as soon as possible to finalise your application.

Policy number

Name of life  
to be insured

Date of birth

## Authority 2 – to release a copy of the full record, including consultation notes, held by my General Practitioner/Practice in specified circumstances

I authorise any General Practitioner/Practice I have attended to release a copy of my full record, including consultation notes, to TAL Life Limited (TAL Life), or to third parties it engages, only if TAL Life has asked them for a report on my health and either:

- the General Practitioner/Practice will be unable to, or did not, provide the report within four weeks; or
- the report is incomplete, or contains inconsistencies or inaccuracies.

I agree to all the following:

- TAL Life can collect, use, store and disclose my personal information (including sensitive information) in accordance with privacy laws and Australian Privacy Principles.
- This Authority is valid only while TAL Life is assessing my claim or application for cover, or is verifying disclosures I made in connection with the cover.
- A copy or transcript of this Authority will be valid and effective, and this Authority should be accepted as valid and effective where I have signed electronically or consented verbally.

Name

Signature

Date   /   /

### Submitting this form

Please return your completed form and any supporting documentation to:

TAL Life Limited  
GPO Box 68  
Sydney NSW 2001

### Contacting Asteron

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