

Family Planning and Sterilization

Participating providers must continue to comply with the sterilization consent procedures required by the federal government.

The consent form must be signed and dated by all of the following or the claim will not be reimbursed:

- The individual to be sterilized. An informed consent is valid only if at least 30 days, but not more than 180 days, have passed from the date of signature, except in cases of premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery. If a recipient is sterilized at the time of a premature delivery or emergency abdominal surgery, reimbursement will be made if at least 72 hours have passed since the patient gave informed consent for the sterilization. In the case of premature delivery, the informed consent must have been signed at least 30 days before the expected delivery date. An emergency Cesarean birth can be premature delivery, but is not emergency abdominal surgery.
- The interpreter, if one was provided. The interpreter must sign and date the form *after the patient signs but before the day of the surgery*.
- The person who obtained the consent. The person obtaining consent also must sign and date the form *after the patient signs but before the day of the surgery*.
- The physician who performed the sterilization procedure. The physician may sign the form *shortly before the surgery or the day of surgery or after the surgery*. The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) defines “shortly before” as no more than 15 days prior to the surgery.

In accordance with the DHS contract, providers must comply with the sterilization consent procedures required by the federal government. A copy of the sterilization consent form (HHS-687) must be filed in the member’s medical record and attached to all applicable claims.

See more about this requirement including the necessary consent form:

- [HHS-687 Consent for Sterilization Form](#)
- [MN DHS Sterilization](#)
- [42 CFR 441.250 - Subpart F](#)