

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING COMPLAINT FORM

To complain about service or treatment by a licensed professional, or about illegal practice of a profession by an unlicensed person, complete the COMPLAINT form on the other side of this page. Please note that we do not have authority to investigate fees you believe are too high or to intervene in fee disputes. However, we can investigate complaints involving fraudulent billing.

Type or print clearly in black ink. Describe your complaint as completely as you can. If you do not have a daytime telephone number, it is helpful if you can provide a number where a message can be left for you during the day. If you have any papers that may support your complaint, such as bills or correspondence, please attach copies. Do not send originals. If you have physical evidence, such as incorrectly dispensed medications, it is important for you to retain that evidence in its original condition.

Be sure to sign and date your complaint. Send it to one of the regional Offices of Professional Discipline. When your complaint is received, it will be assigned to an investigator who will contact you in writing or by telephone. You will have an opportunity to explain your complaint in more detail. If we do not have the authority to investigate your complaint we will refer it to the appropriate agency.

Also, complete the **AUTHORIZATION** portion of this form by entering your name and the name of the practitioner and/or hospital in the appropriate spaces. The Authorization directs the professional, hospital, or other facility to release information about your treatment or the services rendered to you. Sign and date the Authorization, and have it signed and dated by a witness. A witness can be any person 18 years or older. The Authorization does not have to be notarized. Please note that if you leave the Authorization blank, it may delay the investigation of your complaint.

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**IMPORTANT!** Complaints against physicians (general practitioners, internists, cardiologists, gynecologists, pediatricians, urologists, surgeons, radiologists, oncologists, anesthesiologists, ophthalmologists, orthopedists, and others) should be sent to: New York State Department of Health, Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, NY 12204. ALL OTHER COMPLAINTS SHOULD BE SENT TO ONE OF THE OFFICES LISTED BELOW. SENDING THE COMPLAINT TO THE WRONG AGENCY WILL DELAY THE INVESTIGATION.

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### Office of Professional Discipline Regional Offices

**Albany**

80 Wolf Road, Suite 204  
Albany, NY 12205  
Tel: 518-485-9350  
Fax: 518-485-9361

**Buffalo**

295 Main Street, Suite 924  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
Tel: 716-842-6550  
Fax: 716-842-6551

**Mid-Hudson Region**

One Gateway Plaza, 3rd floor  
Port Chester, NY 10573  
Tel: 914-934-7550  
Fax: 914-934-7607

**Bronx/Queens**

2400 Halsey Street  
Bronx, NY 10461  
Tel: 718-794-2457 or 2458  
Fax: 718-794-2480

**Central Administration**

1411 Broadway, 10th Floor  
New York, NY 10018  
Tel: 212-951-6400  
Fax: 212-951-6420

**Rochester**

85 Allen Street, Suite 120  
Rochester, NY 14608  
Tel: 585-241-2810  
Fax: 585-241-2816

**Brooklyn, Staten Island**

9 Bond Street, 4th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Tel: 718-722-2587  
Fax: 718-722-2840

**Long Island**

250 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Room 3A-15  
Hauppauge, New York 11788  
Tel: 631-952-7422  
Fax: 631-952-1029

**Syracuse**

333 East Washington Street, 2nd Floor  
Suite 211  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Tel: 315-428-3286  
Fax: 315-428-3287

**Manhattan**

163 West 125th Street, Room 819,  
New York, NY 10027  
Tel: 212-961-4369  
Fax: 212-961-4361

**INFORMATION ABOUT YOU**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION ON THE PERSON(S) YOU ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Hospital/Business/Store (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your complaint here. Be specific. What happened? When? Where? Use black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. Please read the instructions on the reverse side carefully before describing your complaint.

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To the best of my knowledge, the information in this complaint is true and complete.

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Signature Date

Check here if you have included additional sheets or other material.

I, (print your name here) \_\_\_\_\_, request and authorize the above-named licensed professional or practitioner and/or any other licensed professional or practitioner, and the above-named hospital or facility and/or any other hospital or facility, to disclose fully to the New York State Education Department and its authorized representatives all information and records relating to the diagnosis, treatment, prognosis made for and/or on my behalf, or service rendered for and/or on my behalf, by the said licensed professional, practitioner, hospital, or facility.

Name of practitioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of hospital(s) or other facilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness Date