

DECLINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION

Nurse Jackie Homecare has recommended that I receive an influenza vaccination to protect myself and the clients I serve.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the following facts:

- ◆ Influenza is a serious respiratory disease that kills an average of 36,000 persons and hospitalizes more than 200,000 persons in the United States each year.
- ◆ Influenza vaccination is recommended for me and all other healthcare workers to prevent influenza disease and its complications, including death.
- ◆ If I contract influenza, I will shed the virus for 24-48 hours before influenza symptoms appear. My shedding the virus can spread influenza infections to clients.
- ◆ If I become infected with influenza, even when my symptoms are mild, I can spread severe illness to others.
- ◆ I understand that that the strains of virus that cause influenza infection change almost every year, which is why a different influenza vaccine is recommended each year.
- ◆ I cannot get the influenza disease from the influenza vaccine.
- ◆ The consequences of my refusing to be vaccinated could endanger my health and the health of those with whom I have contact, including:
 - clients
 - my co-workers
 - my family
 - my community

Despite these facts, I am choosing to decline influenza vaccination right now.

I understand that I may change my mind at any time and accept influenza vaccination, if vaccine is available.

I have read and fully understand the information on this declination form.

Signature: _____

Name (print): _____

Date: _____