

## Instructions

### Relative Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit Revised 7/19/2010

#### Description

This form is designed for use when a "qualified relative" other than a parent possesses the right to authorize medical care.

#### Use

#### **The person must meet the following conditions:**

1. Be relative related to a child within the third degree (*spouse of the relative, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew*) who has permanent care and custody of the child;
2. Any relative related to a child within the third degree (*spouse of the relative, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, uncle, aunt, niece or nephew*) between the time a child has been willfully left in the custody of a relative related to the child within the third degree and the time the child is deemed abandoned.

#### **In order to obtain authorization rights, three conditions must be met:**

1. The relative must complete the Relative Caregiver's Authorization form
2. The child must be living full-time with the relative, who is providing the greater part of the child's support
3. The relative must be assured of the parents' refusal to regain physical custody (the relative must be unable to contact the parent or must have given the parent a written request that the parent regain physical custody, which the parent refused to do).

#### **In the absence of these conditions, do not permit someone other than a parent to consent to child guidance or medical services.**

#### **THE RELATIVE CAREGIVER'S AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**Completion of items 1-5 and the signing of the affidavit are sufficient to authorize school-related medical care performed in schools.**

#### **Completion of items 6-9 is additionally required to authorize any other medical care.**

1. This declaration does not affect the rights of the minor's parents or legal guardian regarding the care, custody, and control of the minor, and does not necessarily mean that the caregiver has legal custody of the minor.
2. A person who relies on this affidavit has no obligation to make any further inquiry or investigation.
3. Unless the relative has legal custody of the child, **this affidavit is not valid for more than one (1) year after the date on which it is executed but may be reexecuted.**
4. If a caregiver does not have the information requested in item 9 (Oklahoma driver license or identification card), the caregiver must provide another form of identification.