

**Baystate Health**  
**Background Release Form, Disclosure and Consent**

In connection with my application for a rotation with Baystate Health, I understand that investigative inquiries may be obtained on myself by a consumer reporting agency, and that any such report will be used solely for employment-related purposes. I understand that the nature and scope of this investigation may include a number of sources including, but not limited to, consumer credit, criminal convictions, motor vehicle driving report, e-verify for federal contractors and other reports. These reports will include information as to my character, general reputation, personal characteristics, mode of living, and work habits. Information relating to my performance and experience, along with reasons for termination of past employment from previous employers, may also be obtained. Further, I understand that you will be requesting information from various Federal, State, County and other agencies that maintain records concerning my past activities relating to my driving, credit, criminal, civil, education, and other experiences.

I understand that if Baystate Health accepts me as a medical student intern, it may request a consumer report or an investigative consumer report about me for employment-related purposes during the course of my employment. The scope of this investigation will be the same as the scope of a pre-employment investigation, and that the nature of such an investigation will be my continuing suitability for employment, or whether I possess the minimum qualifications necessary for promotion or transfer to another position. I understand that my consent will apply throughout my employment, unless I revoke or cancel my consent by sending a signed letter or statement to Baystate Health at any time, stating that I revoke my consent and no longer allow Baystate Health to obtain consumer or investigative consumer reports about me.

I understand that I am being given a copy of the "Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act" prepared pursuant to 15 U.S.C. Section 1681-1681u. This Disclosure and Consent form, in original, faxed, photocopied or electronic form, will be valid for any reports that may be requested by Baystate Health.

I authorize without reservation any party or agency contacted by Baystate Health to furnish the above-mentioned information. I hereby consent to your obtaining the above information from HireRight, Inc., or another consumer reporting agency, will prepare or assemble the background reports. HireRight, Inc. is located and can be contacted by mail at 5151 California, Irvine, CA 92617, and can be contacted by phone at (800) 400-2761. I understand to aid in the proper identification of my file or records the following personal identifiers, as well as other information, is necessary.

**California, Minnesota or Oklahoma applicants only:** Please check this box if you would like to receive (whenever you have such right under the applicable state law) a copy of your background report if one is obtained on you by Baystate Health.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names Known By (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Residents of Puerto Rico: Mother's Maiden Name & Mother's City of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Originals must be sent to:**

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*Para informacion en español, visite [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A 600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20580*

## A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20580.**

- ❑ **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- ❑ **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - ❑ a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - ❑ you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - ❑ your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - ❑ you are on public assistance;
  - ❑ you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for additional information.

- ❑ **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- ❑ **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- ❑ **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.

- ❑ **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- ❑ **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need – usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- ❑ **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).
- ❑ **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- ❑ **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- ❑ **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:**

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	PLEASE CONTACT:
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 1-877-382-4357
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word “National” or initials “N.A.” appear in or after bank’s name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Board Division of Consumer & Community Affairs Washington, DC 20551 202-452-3693
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word “Federal” or initials “F.S.B.” appear in federal institution’s name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929
Federal credit unions (words “Federal Credit Union” appear in institution’s name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-519-4600
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Consumer Response Center 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Kansas City, MO 64108-2638 1-877-275-3342
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation, Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture Office of Deputy Administrator- GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051