



## Letter of Medical Disclosure

Dear AMIGOS Applicant,

Your physical/mental health and safety are our top priority. AMIGOS is a challenging program that requires a lot of stamina and independence in often stressful conditions. The work and living conditions may be quite rigorous, and since you will not have your usual support network, you will need to rely on your own strong coping skills.

For the following sections of the application, please be candid in disclosing health history, and any current conditions for which you may have been treated within the last 2 years. Disclosure of chronic medical or psychological diagnoses does not automatically disqualify you, but will necessitate careful screening, to assess whether you can be adequately supported in Latin America.

If you note on the "Confidential Health Form I" a medical or psychological condition, then an AMIGOS medical or mental health professional with contact you or your parents (if you are under 18) to ask some specific questions and to get release to speak to your treating clinician. After careful screening of all the data, the International Office of AMIGOS will decide whether or not to accept your application.

Please be aware that intentional non-disclosure of important health history (physical or psychological) may result in disqualification from the program. In addition, any change in health status throughout the training year must be reported to the International Office. Further screening will be done when a new issue, or change in physical or mental health status arises.

AMIGOS sends many volunteers each year who have histories of physical and mental health challenges, for which they have been adequately treated. Most volunteers make outstanding volunteers and thrive on the experience, but there are some applicants each year for which we can not provide adequate support and safety, given the status of their current health. Any decision to defer an applicant's participation because of medical or mental health challenges is made out of concern for the applicant's health and safety while in Latin America. AMIGOS would welcome another application in the future, once the medical or psychological health status is more stable.

Please understand that your acceptance into the AMIGOS program is "provisional" until all health screening has been completed. You can facilitate this process by being honest and forthright in completing the "Confidential Health Form I" today, and returning it in a sealed envelope to insure privacy. If you are under 18, this form must be signed by your parent or legal guardian. You will be required to complete "Confidential Health Form II", which requires your doctor's signature, and your immunization records in a sealed envelope.

We welcome your application and will do all that we can to insure a safe, healthy, and memorable summer.

Sincerely,

Margaret Laliberté, RN, MSN  
Mental Health Consultant

Glenn Bayron, MSW  
Director of Volunteer Administration

I have read & received a copy of the above letter.

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(Applicant)

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(parent/legal guardian if under 18)

Date: