

Blue Earth County Human Services Emailing & Texting Consent Form

Blue Earth County Human Services staff are able to communicate with you via email and text with the following understanding:

- You must provide Blue Earth County Human Services with your written authorization to correspond with you by email or text.
- Your authorization to correspond with you by email or text will be valid throughout the time your case is open with Blue Earth County Human Services, unless you remove your authorization prior to that time. Text and email messages may be included in your case file.
- Blue Earth County Human Services will follow Federal, State, and Agency Data Privacy Practices. However, email and/or text messages from our office to you may not be transmitted over a secure line, and as such, Blue Earth County Human Services cannot guarantee that your email and texts will remain confidential.
 - Use of unsecured wi-fi network to access text messages may expose your private information to others.
- Email and/or text correspondence from our office will only be directed to the contact information identified by you. Blue Earth County Human Services has no means of controlling who is able to access the information sent to the email address and/or text number which you provide us. Do not forward, copy, or share messages.
 - It is therefore recommended you delete any text message after you have read it.
- Blue Earth County is not responsible for any additional fees or charges incurred as a result of using email or text by your telecommunication provider.
- Blue Earth County Human Services staff do not maintain 24-hour access to their email/text messages and in some instances may not be checking their phones daily. If you need an immediate response due to an emergency, please call our office at (507) 304-4319.

I authorize Blue Earth County Human Services to correspond with me by texting at the following phone number: _____

I authorize Blue Earth County Human Services to correspond with me via email at the following address: _____

Printed Name

Client Signature

Date

Blue Earth County will not text any Private Health Information; will only text to the number noted above; cannot reply to any group text messages with unknown numbers; cannot send text containing last names.