

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS / ERISA AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FORM

Assignment of Insurance Benefits – Appointment as Legal Authorized Representative

I hereby assign all applicable health insurance benefits and all rights and obligations that I and my dependents have under my health plan to the Provider and Law Firm (if applicable) (hereinafter, "My Authorized Representatives") and I appoint them as my authorized representative with the power to:

- ✓ File medical claims with the health plan
- ✓ File appeals and grievances with the health plan
- ✓ Institute and necessary litigation and/or complaints against my health plan naming me as plaintiff in such lawsuits and actions if necessary
- ✓ Discuss or divulge any of my personal health information or that of my dependents with any third party including the health plan

I certify that the health insurance information that I provided to Provider is accurate as of the date set forth below and that I am responsible for keeping it updated.

I am fully aware that having health insurance does not absolve me of my responsibility to ensure that my bills for professional services from Provider are paid in full. I also understand that I am responsible for all amounts not covered by my health insurance, including co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles.

Authorization to Release Information

I hereby authorize My Authorized Representatives to: (1) release any information necessary to my health benefit plan (or its administrator) regarding my illness and treatments; (2) process insurance claims generated in the course of examination or treatment; and (3) allow a photocopy of my signature to be used to process insurance claims. This order will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

ERISA Authorization

I hereby designate, authorize, and convey to My Authorized Representatives to the full extent permissible under law and under any applicable insurance policy and/or employee health care benefit plan: (1) the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative in connection with any claim, right, or cause of action including litigation against my health plan (even to name me as a plaintiff in such action) that I may have under such insurance policy and/or benefit plan; and (2) the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative to pursue such claim, right, or cause of action in connection with said insurance policy and/or benefit plan (including but not limited to, the right and ability to act as my Authorized Representative with respect to a benefit plan governed by the provisions of ERISA as provided in 29 C.F.R. §2560.5031(b)(4) with respect to any healthcare expense incurred as a result of the services I received from Provider and, to the extent permissible under the law, to claim on my behalf, such benefits, claims, or reimbursement, and any other applicable remedy, including fines. I authorize communication with the Provider and his authorized representatives by email and my email address is _____@_____. I understand I can revoke this authorization in writing at any time

A photocopy of this Assignment/Authorization shall be as effective and valid as the original.

Patient

Date

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Have you ever been exposed to Hepatitis? Y N When _____
 HIV Virus? Y N When _____
 AIDS? Y N When _____

MEDICATIONS:

NAME AND DOSE

“Sinus” medications	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____
Nose sprays	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____
Tranquillizers	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____
Sleeping pills	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____
Aspirin (not Tylenol)	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____
Cortisone	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____
Thyroid	Never _____	Occ _____	Freq. _____	_____

Have you ever taken Insulin or tablets for diabetes? Y N

PLEASE LIST ALL MEDICATIONS YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING: _____

ALLERGIES:

Are you allergic to: Sulfa Y N
 Penicillin Y N
 Aspirin Y N
 Codeine Y N
 Morphine Y N
 Antibiotics Y N Please specify name of antibiotic you are allergic to: _____

Please list any other drug allergies: _____

Please list any other allergies such as hay fever, etc.: _____

Have you ever had allergy testing? Y N If yes, when? _____

Have you ever taken allergy shots? Y N If yes, when? _____

FAMILY HISTORY:

Father’s age _____ If deceased, cause of death: _____

Mother’s age _____ If deceased, cause of death: _____

Do any of your blood relatives have: Diabetes? Y N Who? _____

Bleeding Disorder? Y N Who? _____

Tuberculosis? Y N Who? _____

Cancer? Y N Who? _____

Inherited Abnormalities? Y N

If yes, please list the abnormality: _____

How many children do you have? _____ N/A

Please list all ages: _____

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____

WEIGHT: _____ HEIGHT: _____ DATE OF LAST PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: _____

IMPORTANT: PLEASE LIST REASONS FOR TODAY'S VISIT: _____

NASAL PROBLEMS:

Do you have a stuffy nose? Y N OCC
Are you a mouth breather? Y N OCC
Do you have any nasal discharge? Y N OCC
Is it clear? Y N OCC
Off color (yellow)? Y N OCC

THROAT PROBLEMS:

Hoarseness: Y N
Duration: _____
Trouble swallowing: Y N
Duration: _____
Foreign Body Sensation: Y N
Duration: _____

EAR PROBLEMS:

Does your hearing seem normal? Y N
If not, which is your best ear? R L
Do you have ringing or noises
in your ears? Y N
Is it worse on one side? R L
Are you dizzy? Y N

SLEEP PATTERN:

Do you sleep well? Y N
Do you snore? Y N
Badly? Y N
Appetite: Good __ Fair __ Poor __
Weight: Stable __ Gain __ Loss __
Salt and salty foods: Light __ Moderate __
Heavy __

Do you have problems with chronic headaches? Y N

Have you ever had a problem with a drug habit? Y N

Alcoholic Beverage Consumption: Never __ Rarely __ Moderate __ Heavy __

Do you or have you ever smoked? Y N How much? _____

What x-rays, if any, have you had in the last two years? _____

Have you ever had any serious injury? _____

Have you ever been hospitalized for anything other than surgery? _____

SURGERY:

Have you ever had a: Tonsillectomy?	Y N	Date _____
Appendectomy?	Y N	Date _____
D&C?	N/A Y N	Date _____
Hysterectomy?	N/A Y N	Date _____
Ovarian Surgery?	N/A Y N	Date _____
Tubal Ligation?	N/A Y N	Date _____

Please list any other surgeries you may have had: _____

Have you ever had, or do you now have:

Eye problems?	Y N	Describe _____
Heart trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Liver trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Stomach trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Lung trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Prostate trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Kidney/Bladder trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Nervous system?	Y N	Describe _____
Unexplained weight loss/gain?	Y N	Describe _____
Rashes/skin trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Depression/Psychiatric trouble?	Y N	Describe _____
Easy bleeding/bruising?	Y N	Describe _____

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Patient Responsibility Insurance Policies, And Disclosure Statement

Payment in full services and product are due at the time services are performed or products are ordered. As the patient/guarantor, you are financially responsible for any fees and costs associated with any services or products you receive from our office.

I understand and agree that I am financially responsible for all charges for any and service rendered. This includes any medical service or visit, routine examination, testing and any other screening ordered by the doctor or staff.

I understand that while my insurance may confirm my benefits, confirmation of benefits is not a guarantee of payment and that I am responsible for any unpaid balance.

I understand and agree that it's my responsibility to know if my insurance has any deductible, copayment, co-insurance, out-of-network, usual and customary limit, prior authorization requirement or any other type of benefit limitation for the service I receive and I agree to make payment in full.

I agree to inform the office of any changes in my insurance coverage. If my insurance has changed or is terminated at the time of service, I agree that I am financially responsible for the balance in full.

Co-payment and deductible will be collected at the time of service. Professional fees, service fees, co-payment and deductible are NOT refundable. There will be a \$ 35 fee for returned checks.

Patients who accumulate three or more missed appointment may be subject to discharged from our practice.

Procedures performed in the office are considered the same as surgery by insurance companies and are billed as such. Additionally your office visits today may include the use of a scope for diagnostic purpose, allergies testing and hearing test. This is considered a diagnostic procedure, which will be coded to your Insurance Company as a **SURGICAL PROCEDURE** depending on your particular policy; your insurance company will pay all, part or none of the cost of the procedure.

CANCELLATION POLICY: This office has a policy of charging a fee for missing appointment or canceling with less than 24 hours notice. This policy is explained at the time of the first visit. The fee is \$25.00. The purpose of this fee is to encourage our patient to take their appointment than the schedule as seriously as we do. That time is reserved for you, and if you do not keep the schedule then other patient who need 'same day 'urgent visits, or earlier appointment than the schedule permits, are being obligated to wait longer than necessary. Obviously, acute health problems and family crises are expected. Cancellations of convenience or last minute schedule conflict will be your responsibility. We remain available to discuss this policy in general or individual circumstance. Thank you for understanding.

I also authorize my physician's office to provide my medical information to other organizations or entities for the Determination and payment of benefits. I authorize my physician's office to permit my Insurance companies or third party Payers to review/audit my medical chart if they so request. I assign benefits otherwise payable to me by my physician, I Understand that I am financially responsible for the changes for any services rendered to me by my physician(s). They have accepted assignment. I further release my physician to release medical information concerning my treatments to my insurance carrier (s) and I authorize payment of medical benefits from those carriers to be made directly to my physician on claims for which they have accepted the assignment. I also understand that I am responsible for payment for services not covered by my Insurance Plan.

I have read and agree to the terms above:

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Date:

Signature of Insurance Policy Holder

Date:

