



CARDIOLOGY EXPERTS

of Minden

CONSENT FOR SERVICES AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Please read carefully and sign the necessary authorizations, releases and agreements so that we may proceed with the care and treatment ordered by your physician.

- 1. CONSENT TO SERVICES:** I understand that a patient's care is directed by his/her attending physician(s) and I consent to any services that are appropriate for my care and as ordered by my physician (s).
- 2. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT:** I, the undersigned, in consideration of the services to be rendered to the patient, am obligated to promptly pay the physician/clinic in accordance with the charges listed on the claim and, if applicable, the physician/clinic's charity care and discounted payment policies and state and federal law. The physician/clinic may provide, upon my request, a reasonable estimated of charges for items and services based on the charge fee schedule. If any account is referred to an attorney or collection agency for collection, I agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees and collection expenses. I understand that, as a courtesy to me, the physician/clinic may bill my insurance company or health benefit plan but is not required to do so. I agree and understand, except where prohibited by law, the financial responsibility for the services rendered belong to me, the undersigned. I further understand that the obligation to pay the physician/clinic may not be deferred for any reason, including pending legal actions against other parties to recover medical cost. The physician/clinic shall determine whether and when an account is in default due to non-payment of the balance on the account. I understand that all physicians and surgeons, including radiologist, pathologist, emergency physician, anesthesiology, hospitalist, and others if applicable will bill separately for their services. For your convenience we accept cash, personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.
- 3. REFERRALS:** If your insurance plan requires a referral from a Primary Care Physician, it is your responsibility to make sure that the form is received PRIOR to scheduling an appointment. If you do not have your referral, the practitioner will be happy to see you, but you will be financially responsible for your charges.
- 4. PHYSICIAN/CLINIC TO ACT AS AGENT:** I irrevocable assign and transfer to the physician/clinic all rights, benefits, and any other interest in connection with any insurance plan health benefit plan (including an employer-sponsored health benefit plan), or other source of payment for my care. This assignment shall include assigning and authorizing direct payment to the physician/clinic of all insurance and health plan benefits payable for any services rendered. I agree that the insurers or plans payment to the physician/clinic shall discharge its obligations to the extent of such payment. I understand that I am financially responsible for charges not paid according to this assignment, to the extent permitted by state and federal law. I agree to cooperate with and take all steps reasonably requested by this physician/clinic to perfect, confirm, or validate this assignment. I also hereby authorize the physician/clinic, or its designee, to act on my half in any dispute with a managed care organization government health program, any insurance plan or any employer-sponsored health benefit plan with respect to benefits available under such plan. This authorization specifically includes the authorization to file any appeal on my behalf from a denial of benefits and to act as my agent in pursuing such appeals.
- 5. CONSENT TO WIRELESS TELEPHONE CALLS AND TEXT MESSAGES:** If at any time I provide a wireless telephone number at which I may be contacted, I consent to receive calls or text messages, including but not restricted to communications regarding billing and payment for items and services, unless I notify the clinic/physician to the contrary in writing. In this section, calls and text messages include but is not restricted to pre-recorded messages, artificial voice messages, automatic telephone dialing devices or other computer assisted technology, or by electronic mail, text messaging or by any other form of electronic communication from the hospital, affiliates, contractors, servicers, clinical providers, attorneys or its agents including collection agencies.
- 6. CONSENT TO EMAIL USAGE:** If at any time I provide an email address at which I may be contact, unless I notify to the contrary in writing, I consent to receiving discharge instructions, statements, bills, marketing material for new services and payment receipts at the email address from the clinic/physician.
- 7. ELECTION TO ELETRONICALLY TRANSMIT MEDICAL INFORMAITON AT DISCHARGE:** I authorize physician or clinic to provide a copy of the medical record of my treatment, the discharge summary, and a summary of care record to my primary care physician(s), specialty care physician(s), and/or any health care providers(s) or facility (ies)

identified on my discharge paperwork to facilitate my treatment and continuity of care. I understand that information disclosed under this paragraph may include, among other things, confidential HIV-related information and other information related to sexually transmitted or communicable diseases, information relating to drug or alcohol abuse or drug or alcohol dependence, mental or behavioral health information (excluding psychotherapy notes), genetic testing information, and/or abortion-related information. The summary of care record consists of information from my medical record, including among other things, information concerning procedures and lab tests performed during this admission, my care plan, a list of my current and historical problems and my current medication list. I understand that I may, by placing my request in writing to the Privacy Officer, revoke this authorization at any time. However, I understand that a healthcare organization cannot take back information that has already been released under this authorization. This authorization will expire automatically one year after the date on which my current treatment episode comes to an end.

8. **ELECCION TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE(S):** I hereby authorize physician/clinic to provide a copy of my medical record or portions thereof to any health information exchange or network with which physician/clinic participates and to any other participant in such health information exchange or network for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations and, in accordance with the terms of the participation agreement for that health information exchange or network. A full list of health information exchanges and/or network with which physician/clinic participates may be found in the Notice of Privacy Practices, which is available upon request, and this list may be updated from time to time if and when physician/clinic participates with new health information exchanges or networks. I understand that information disclosed under this paragraph may include, among other things, confidential HIV-related information and other information related to sexually transmitted or communicable diseases, information relating to drug or alcohol abuse or drug or alcohol dependence, mental or behavioral health information (excluding psychotherapy notes), genetic testing information, and/or abortion-related information. I understand that I may, by placing my request in writing to the Privacy Officer, revoke this authorization at any time. However, I understand that a healthcare organization cannot take back information that has already been released under this authorization. This authorization will expire upon revocation.
9. **PATIENT APPOINTMENT AND CONDUCT:** I understand that unless cancelled 24 hours in advance, you are expected to appear on time for your appointment. Three (3) or more missed appointments in a 12 month period will result in a warning letter and five (5) or more missed appointments in a 12 month period may result in dismissal from the practice upon provider review and patients will be asked to seek treatment elsewhere. I am expected to be respectful to clinic staff and other patients. This includes use of appropriate language and behavior. Patients who use profane language or cause physical harm or threaten to cause harm will be dismissed from the practice.
10. **HIPAA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES/PATIENT RIGHTS:** I understand and have been provided with a Notice of Privacy Practices and patient rights that provides a more complete description of my health care information uses and disclosures.
11. **AUTHORIZATION TO DOWNLOAD PHARMACY INFORMATION:** I understand and authorize physician/clinic to download my last 13 months of prescription history.
12. **CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH:** I consent to photographs, videos or other images where deemed medically necessary by my physician before, during, or after a procedure. This is to provide documentation of my treatment and medical condition and will be kept as a part of my medical record.
13. **ADVANCE DIRECTIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** I understand that I am not required to have an Advance Directive in order to receive medical treatment at this health care facility. I understand that the terms of my Advance Directive that I have executed will be followed by the health care facility and my caregivers to the extent permitted by law.
 - Yes, I have executed an Advance Directive
 - No, I have not executed an Advance Directive.

My signature indicates that I have read and fully understand this Patient Consent and Financial Agreement and have been given the opportunity to ask questions. I acknowledge that I either have no questions or that my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Date/Time

Signature of Witness

Date/Time