

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OR DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

As part of your healthcare, this practice originates and maintains paper and/or electronic records describing your health history, symptoms, examinations, test results, diagnoses, treatment, any plans for future care or treatment and payment for the services or treatment we provided. We use this information to:

- Plan your care and treatment
- Communicate with other health professionals or entities who contribute to your healthcare
- Submit your diagnosis and treatment information for payment for the services or treatment provided to you

“ONLY AS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW”, WE MAY USE YOUR PROTECTED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- To disclose, as may be necessary, your health information (including HIV+/AIDS status, drug/alcohol treatment/abuse notes and qualified mental health notes) to other healthcare providers and healthcare entities (such as: referrals to or consultation with other healthcare professionals, laboratories, hospitals, etc.) or to others as may be required by law or court order concerning your treatment, payment and/or healthcare.
- To request from other healthcare entities and/or healthcare providers (i.e., doctors, dentists, hospitals, labs, imaging centers, etc.) specific healthcare information we may need for planning your care and treatment.
- To submit the necessary information to your insurance company(s) for coverage verification as well as the diagnosis and treatment information to your insurance company(s), other agencies and/or individual(s) for payment of our services or treatment we provided to you.
- To leave appointment reminders or other minimum necessary information related to your healthcare or healthcare payments on your answering machine, mobile voice mail, text mail, email or with a family member.

[] Check here if you **do not** want us to leave a message on your answering machine or with a family member.

[] Check here if you **do not** want us to leave a message on your mobile voice mail, text mail or email.

[] **Please check here if you authorize us to send your healthcare information by email. Please understand that email is an unsecured medium of transmission and is potentially accessible by others. We require you to send us an email authorizing transmission of your healthcare information to you by unsecured email.**

- To discuss your health or payment information (only the minimum necessary in our judgment) with family members or other persons who are or may be involved with your healthcare treatment or payments.
- **If you choose**, please list by name and relationship the persons with whom we may share your healthcare or payment information _____
- You may request a copy and you have the right to read our “*Notice of Patient Privacy Practices*” prior to signing this authorization. The NPP provides a more complete description of health information uses and disclosures.

I fully understand and agree to this authorization and acknowledge the above rights and disclosures.

Patient Name (please print): _____

_____ Signature	_____ Print name of person signing if other than patient	_____ Date
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*If other than patient is signing, are you the parent, legal guardian, legal custodian or have a **Healthcare Power of Attorney** for the patient. Yes [] No [] RELATIONSHIP _____

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Patient refused to sign the form. Reason: _____ Date: _____