



HUDSON FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC & PHYSICAL THERAPY
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HIPAA Information and Consent Form

The health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides safeguards to protect your privacy. Implementation of HIPAA requirements officially began on April 4, 2003. Many of the policies have been *our* practice for years. This form is a "friendly" version. A more complete text is posted in the office.

What this is all about: Specifically, there are rules and restrictions on who may see or be notified of your Protected Health Information (PHI). These restrictions do not include the normal interchange of information necessary to provide you with office services. HIPAA provides certain rights and protections to you as the patient. We balance these needs with your goal of providing you with quality professional service and care. Additional information is available from the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services. www.hhs.gov

We have adopted the following policies:

1. Patient information will be kept confidential except as is necessary to provide services or to ensure that all administrative matters related to your care are handled appropriately. This specifically includes the sharing of information with other healthcare providers, laboratories, health insurance payers as is necessary and appropriate for your care. Patient files may be stored in open file racks and will not contain any coding which identifies a patient's condition or information which is not already a matter of public record. The normal course of providing care means that such records may be left, at least temporarily, in administrative areas such as the front office, examination room, etc. Those records will not be available to persons other than office staff. You agree to the normal procedures utilized within the office for the handling of charts, patient records, PHI and other documents or information.
2. It is the policy of this office to remind patients of their appointments. We may do this by telephone, e-mail, U.S. mail, or by any means convenient for the practice and/ or as requested by you. We may send you other communications informing you of changes to office policy and new technology that you might find valuable or informative.
3. The practice utilizes a number of vendors in the conduct of business. These vendors may have access to PHI, but must agree to abide by the confidentiality rules of HIPAA.
4. You understand and agree to inspections of the office and review of documents which may include PHI by government agencies or insurance payers in normal performance of their duties.
5. You agree to bring any concerns or complaints regarding privacy to the attention of the office manager or the doctor.
6. Your confidential information will not be used for the purposes of marketing or advertising of products, goods, or services.
7. We agree to provide patients with access to their records in accordance with state and federal laws.
8. We may change, add, delete, or modify any of these provisions to better serve the needs of both the practice and the patient.
9. You have the right to request restrictions in the use of your protected health information and to request change in certain policies used within the office concerning your PHI. However, we are not obligated to alter internal policies to conform to your request.

I, _____ Date _____ do hereby consent and acknowledge my agreement to the terms set forth in the HIPAA INFORMATION FORM and any subsequent changes in office policy. I understand that this consent shall remain in force from this time forward.



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PATIENT CONSENT

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:

I voluntarily consent to the rendering of care, including treatment and performance of diagnostic procedure. I understand that I am under the care and supervision of the attending physician and it is the responsibility of the staff to carry out the instructions of such physician(s).

RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

By signing this form, you are granting consent to Hudson Family Chiropractic & Physical Therapy to use and disclose your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations. Our Notice of Privacy Practices provides more detailed information about how we may use and disclose this protected health information. You have a legal right to review our Notice of Privacy Practices before you sign this consent, and we encourage you to read it in full.

Our Notice of Privacy Practices is subject to change. If we change our notice, you may obtain a copy of the revised notice by telephoning our office 201-656-5600. You have a right to request us to restrict how we use and disclose your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations. We are not required by law to grant your request. However, if we do decide to grant your request, we are bound by our agreement.

You have the right to revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent we already have used or disclosed your protected health information in reliance on your consent.

VERIFICATION ON NON-PREGNANCY (FEMALES PATIENTS ONLY):

By my initials below this statement on this form I do hereby state that to the best of knowledge, I am not pregnant, nor is pregnancy suspected or confirmed at this particular time. _____

X _____

Print Patients Name

X _____

Patient's Signature

Date: _____

X _____

If Other Then Patient, Print Name & Relationship



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ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS/ERISA AUTHORIZATION FORM

Financial Responsibility

I have requested professional services from _____ on behalf of myself and/or my dependents, and understand that by making this request, I am responsible for all charges incurred during the course of said services. I understand that all fees for said services are due and payable on the date services are rendered and agree to pay all such charges incurred in full immediately upon presentation of the appropriate statement unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

Assignment of Insurance Benefits

I hereby assign all applicable health insurance benefits to which I and/or my dependents are entitled to Provider. 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 hereby authorize Provider to submit claims, on my and/or my dependent's behalf, to the benefit plan (or its administrator) listed on the current insurance card I provided to Provider, in good faith. I also hereby instruct my benefit plan (or its administrator) to pay Provider directly for services rendered to me or my dependents. To the extent that my current policy prohibits direct payment to Provider, I hereby instruct and direct my benefit plan (or its administrator) to provide documentation stating such non-assignment to myself and Provider upon request. Upon proof of such non-assignment, I instruct my benefit plan (or its administrator) to make out the check to me and mail it directly to Provider.

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 Provider 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 Provider 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 on my behalf in connection with any claim, right, or cause in action that I may have under such insurance policy and/or benefit plan; and (2) the right and ability to act on my behalf 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 to act on my behalf in 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.

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

Patient

Date

Policyholder/Insured

Date