

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

THE PRACTICE

Virginia Bariatric Surgery Center, P.C., and/or its physicians, employees, agents or assignees will hereafter be referred to as "The Practice".

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

The undersigned hereby consents to the administration of such medical treatment, diagnostic and/or therapeutic procedures and surgery as required by the healthcare provider rendering care for themselves and/or their child(ren). The procedures may include, but are not limited to, surgery, laboratory and x-ray procedures. **Patient is financially responsible for all covered and non-covered services.**

HIV/HEPATITIS B & C VIRUSES TESTING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with Virginia law, any patient to whose body fluids a healthcare worker has been exposed will be deemed to have consented to HIV/HEPATITIS B & C TESTING. In all other cases, the patient shall have the right to refuse such testing. We do not randomly test for HIV.

AUTHORIZATION & ASSIGNMENT OF INSURANCE BENEFITS

I hereby authorize The Practice to file a claim(s) for benefits for services rendered to myself or minor child(ren) under any health insurance policies/programs providing benefits and do hereby also assign and authorize payment of benefits from my (our) insurance company to The Practice (including benefits payable under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and/or any other governmental agency.) I irrevocably authorize all such payments to The Practice. I authorize The Practice to contact the employer or insurance company regarding insurance information, existence of insurance and coverage of my (our) benefits.

RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

I authorize The Practice to release any and all of my or my minor child(ren)'s medical records and/or other information and records required by my (our) insurance company or its designated review agents who provide insurance benefits on my (our) behalf, including if applicable, my employer and/or employer's workman's compensation insurance company, the Social Security Administration, or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, needed to determine benefits and to process insurance claims and secure payment of benefits to either the insured or to The Practice; and authorize any hospital, lab, physician, or other healthcare provider and/or their staffs to release my or my minor child(ren)'s medical records and/or other records and information on myself or my minor child(ren) to the Practice as required for payment of benefits and/or required for medical or any other reasons; and authorize The Practice to release the above mentioned records for any of the above reasons. I agree to pay any applicable charges for having medical records copied.

REFERRALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

I understand that it is my responsibility, if I (we) have an insurance plan that requires any referrals, pre-certifications or authorization to receive any additional medical services, such as specialty care and diagnostic testing, to obtain such authorization from The Practice or insurance company prior to such non-emergency services being rendered. I further understand that I must notify The Practice prior to going, if possible, or within 48 hours, or in accordance with my insurance company's requirements, of any emergency room visit. Additionally, if any aforementioned procedures are not done, I understand that this may cause reduced or rejected coverage for which I will be held responsible and that any of these aforementioned actions do not guarantee that my insurance company will pay for my (our) child(ren)s claims. Any denial of claims is between the policyholder/subscriber and their insurance. I (we) agree to inform The Practice immediately of any change in insurance coverage and/or benefits and changes in personal information.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

I agree that payment in full is due at the time of treatment. I, the undersigned (jointly and severally if more than one) further agree that I am legally obligated and responsible and do hereby guarantee payment for all charges incurred by myself, my spouse, my children, stepchildren or any other extended family members, including but not limited to grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I also understand that I may be billed separately for services rendered by other professionals including, but not limited to other physicians, radiologists, and laboratory work, as appropriate and in accordance with the services rendered. The Practice will file for insurance benefits and accept payments per the Practice's contractual agreements with participating insurance companies. Any questions or disputes concerning insurance coverage or payment of benefits are a matter between the insurance subscriber/policyholder and the insurance company. Any assistance in this matter granted by The Practice is given strictly as a courtesy and implies no responsibility on Practice's part for filing, follow through or confirmation. I agree to pay a minimum \$15.00 form fee. I agree to pay a \$50.00 fee for missed appointments that are not cancelled at least 24 hours in advance, or if I arrive late for an appointment. I understand that prescription refills, forms, and missed appointment fees will be my financial responsibility and will not be sent to insurance. If my insurance requires or if I have not obtained the proper referral, I further agree that I am financially responsible for any incurred charges. Should any balance arise due to insurance co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles, termination of coverage, not adding dependent to insurance plan, non-payment at time of service and/or any other reason I agree to pay all charges within 30 days of services rendered. I agree to pay \$600 if I cancel or reschedule already scheduled surgery within 3 weeks of confirmed surgery date, and I agree to pay \$400 if I cancel or reschedule 4 to 6 weeks prior to already scheduled surgery. Service charges of one and one-half percent per month, eighteen percent per annum, will be charged on all accounts over 30 days. I agree that if for any reason a check is returned, I will be responsible for a \$25.00 returned check fee in addition to the original fees for services. If the balance is not paid within the 30 days or if agreed upon payment arrangements on my (our) account are not made, I authorize the practice to retain the services of an attorney and/or collection agency to assist with the collection of any outstanding balance and to notify the credit bureaus of my delinquencies. I understand that this will affect my credit rating. If this account is placed for collection, I agree to pay 1/3 of the unpaid principal and service charge as an attorney fee, plus court costs and service charge in the amount of one and one-half percent per month, beginning 30 days after the monies have become due or expenses have been incurred. Expenses incurred by collection actions, including maximum allowed service charge, shall become a debt for which I assume full responsibility.

COPY OF SIGNATURE

I permit a copy of this authorization and signature to be used in place of this original on all insurance claim submissions and for the release of any medical records and/or other records and information, as stated herein, whether manual, electronic or telephonic for the purpose of payment, treatment or operations.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have provided about my (our) insurance coverage is correct and that the above be honored by my (our) insurance carriers. This certification will also apply to application for benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and/or any other governmental agency, if applicable. I also certify that I have read the foregoing and as the parent/guardian/guarantor understand and fully accept the terms therein.

I certify that as the Patient/Parent/Guardian/Guarantor I have read, understand and fully accept the Conditions of Registration as stated in this document.

Signature of Patient/Parent/Guardian/Guarantor

Print Name

Date