



# ANCHOR SPINE & JOINT

PATIENT INFORMATION:					
PATIENT:	LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	M.I.	DATE OF BIRTH:	SEX:
				<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
ADDRESS:	STREET:	CITY/STATE:	ZIP CODE:	LAST 4 OF SOCIAL:	
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HOME PH #:		CELL PH #:		E-MAIL:	
RACE:	<input type="checkbox"/> CAUCASIAN		<input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC		<input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN
	<input type="checkbox"/> AFRICAN AMERICAN		<input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE AMERICAN		<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
			<input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED TO DISCLOSE		
REFERRAL INFORMATION:					
PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN:				REFERRING PHYSICIAN:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:					
NAME:		PHONE NUMBER:		RELATIONSHIP:	
COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:					
PRIMARY INS. NAME:		SECONDARY INS. NAME:			
POLICY ID:		POLICY ID:			
GROUP ID:		GROUP ID:			
POLICY HOLDER NAME:		POLICY HOLDER NAME:			
POLICY HOLDER DOB:		POLICY HOLDER DOB:			
RELATIONSHIP:		RELATIONSHIP:			
INSURANCE INFORMATION:					
IS YOUR PAIN DUE TO AN AUTO ACCIDENT?   Y   N      PERSONAL INJURY CASE?   Y   N      WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION CASE?   Y   N					
DATE OF INJURY:		CLAIM NUMBER:			
INSURANCE COMPANY:		POLICY HOLDER NAME/DOB:			
ADJUSTER NAME:		ADJUSTER PHONE #:			
ATTORNEY NAME:		ATTORNEY PHONE #:			
HOW MAY OUR OFFICE CONTACT YOU?: (CIRCLE ONE)			HOME PH: YES OR NO	CELL PHONE: YES OR NO	
MAY OUR OFFICE LEAVE A MESSAGE ON YOUR HOME PHONE?:			YES OR NO		
MAY OUR OFFICE LEAVE A MESSAGE ON YOUR CELL PHONE?:			YES OR NO		
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES, WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY?:			YES OR NO		
<p>I understand that the physicians and staff of Anchor spine and Joint will only be evaluating my condition as it relates to my pain. Any condition which is not specifically pain-related must be followed and evaluated by my primary care physician.</p> <p>I understand that the procedures and medications which may be prescribed can potentially have adverse effects on the status of one's fertility as well as a developing fetus. I will notify my physician if there is any change in my fertility status or pregnancy status.</p> <p>I understand that it may be at times difficult to obtain prompt consultation with the physicians or staff. If there is ever a significant deterioration on my function or progression of symptoms, I will seek prompt medical attention elsewhere.</p> <p>I acknowledge that I may request at anytime a copy of notice of privacy practices of this office, which outlines how confidential patient information will be used, disclosed, and protected.</p>					
Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:				Date:	
Patient or Legal Representative Signature:					

PATIENT NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:	
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**PAIN DESCRIPTION:**

PAIN LEVEL:	MILD	MILD-MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE-SEVERE	SEVERE
My pain is: (Circle)	Constant	Intermittent	Improving	Worsening	
Onset of Pain:		Due to MVA:	YES	NO	Due to Injury: YES NO
Describe your pain:	<input type="checkbox"/> Dull/Aching	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp/Stabbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot/Burning	<input type="checkbox"/> Pins/Needles/Tingling	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cramping	<input type="checkbox"/> Squeezing	<input type="checkbox"/> Throbbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting/Radiating	
What activities makes pain WORSE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Prolong Sitting <input type="checkbox"/> Prolong Walking <input type="checkbox"/> Prolong Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Reaching <input type="checkbox"/> Lifting <input type="checkbox"/> Bending <input type="checkbox"/> Range of Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____				
What activities makes pain BETTER:					

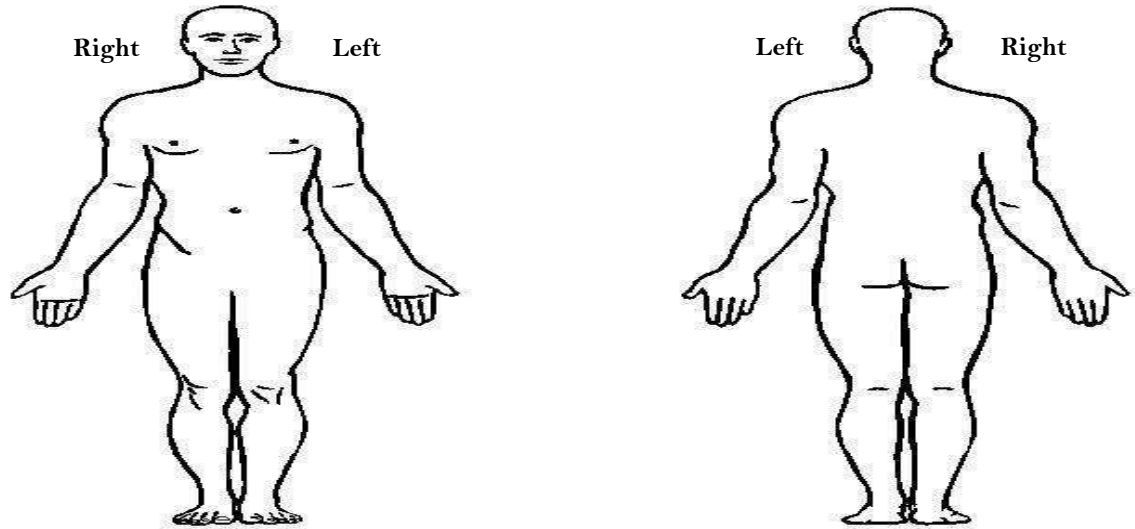
**ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS: Currently Experiencing (Circle)**

Numbness/Tingling Location:			
Weakness Location:			
Joint Swelling	Stiffness	Leg Swelling	Leg Pain
Difficulty Walking	Balance Problems	Bowel Incontinence	Bladder Incontinence
Fatigue	Other:		

**AUTO ACCIDENT INJURY**

Date of Injury:			
Have you had previous injuries?	YES	NO	
Have you seen other providers?	YES	NO	
The patient was the:	DRIVER	PASSENGER	
Patient was wearing seat belt:	YES	NO	
Patient was holding the steering wheel:	YES	NO	
Patients' air bags deployed:	YES	NO	
Patient hit head/Suffered a head trauma:	YES	NO	
Patient reports loss of consciousness:	YES	NO	
Patients' vehicle was:	STOPPED	MOVING	
Type of accident:	REAR END	T-BONE	HEAD ON
Post-Accident, the patient went where:	HOME	HOSPITAL	URGENT CARE
Type of Treatment:			

Circle Pain Area:



PRIOR TREATMENTS									
IMAGING COMPLETED									
<b>X-RAY:</b> Where? _____	<b>MRI:</b> Where? _____	<b>CT SCAN:</b> Where? _____	<b>EMG/NCV(NERVE STUDY)</b>						
<b>INJECTIONS:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	TYPE:					
<b>SPINE SURGERY:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	TYPE/YEAR?					
<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	LAST SESSION:					
<b>CHIROPRACTOR:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	LAST SESSION:					
<b>ACUPUNCTURE</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	LAST SESSION:					
<b>BRACE:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	OTHER:					
<b>TENS UNIT:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	OTHER:					
<b>HEAT/ICE:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	OTHER:					
<b>MASSAGE THERAPY:</b>	BETTER	WORSE	NO CHANGE	OTHER:					
CURRENT MEDICATIONS:									
<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DOSE/DIRECTIONS:</b>		<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DOSE/DIRECTIONS:</b>					
1.			6.						
2.			7.						
3.			8.						
4.			9.						
5.			10.						
PRIOR MEDICATIONS:									
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY:		HELPED:		PAIN MEDICATIONS:		HELPED:			
Naproxen (Aleve)		YES	NO	Hydrocodone		YES	NO		
Ibuprofen (Advil,Mortin)		YES	NO	Oxycodone		YES	NO		
Diclofenac (Voltaren)		YES	NO	Tramadol		YES	NO		
Celebrex		YES	NO	Tylenol w/ Codeine		YES	NO		
Lido/Flector Patch		YES	NO	Tylenol (Acetaminophen)		YES	NO		
MUSCLE RELAXANT:		HELPED:		NERVE MEDICATIONS:		HELPED:			
Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)		YES	NO	Gabapentin		YES	NO		
Skelaxin (Metaxolone)		YES	NO	Lyrica		YES	NO		
Methocarbamol (Robaxin)		YES	NO	Cymbalta		YES	NO		
Tizanidine (Zanaflex)		YES	NO	Amitriptyline		YES	NO		
ALLERGIES									
ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES?:									
Have you ever had an allergic reaction to:		CONTRAST: YES NO		IODINE: YES NO		SHELLFISH: YES NO			
Dental Numbing Medications: YES NO		Latex: YES NO							
Have you ever had a bad reaction to anesthesia?: YES NO									
PAST MEDICAL HISTORY									
High Blood Pressure		Diabetes		Heart Attack		Heart Disease		Stroke	
Rheumatoid Arthritis		Gout		Kidney Disease		Liver Disease		Cancer	
Anxiety Disorder		HIV/AIDS		Osteoporosis		Hepatitis ( A , B , C )		Depression	
Peptic Ulcer Disorder		Bipolar Disorder		Attention Deficit		Schizophrenia		Anemia	
OTHER:									

**PAST SURGERIES: LIST ANY AND ALL SURGERIES**


**SOCIAL HISTORY**

<b>Occupation:</b>		<b>RETIRED</b>	<b>DISABLED</b>
<b>Tobacco Usage:</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>What age did you START:</b>	
<b>If YES : How many packs per day:</b>		<b>What age did you QUIT:</b>	
<b>Alcohol Consumption:</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>Do you drink alcohol socially?</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>

**FAMILY HISTORY**

<b>Alcohol Abuse</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>Diabetes</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
<b>Illegal Drug Use</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>Heart Disease</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
<b>Prescription Drug Abuse</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>Hypertension</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
<b>Stroke</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	<b>Cancer</b>	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
<b>Other:</b>			

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS**

<b>GENERAL:</b>			<b>ENDOCRINE:</b>			<b>EARS/NOSE/THROAT:</b>		
Loss of Appetite	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Thyroid Disease	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Hoarseness	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Recent Weight Loss	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Heat Intolerance	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Trouble Swallowing	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Fever or Chills	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Cold Intolerance	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Hearing Loss	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>RESPIRATORY:</b>			<b>CARDIOVASCULAR:</b>			<b>HEMATOLOGIC:</b>		
Shortness of Breath	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Chest Pain	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Easy Bruising	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Chronic Cough	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Palpitations	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Easy Bleeding	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>KIDNEY/BLADDER:</b>			<b>EYES:</b>			<b>PSYCHIATRIC:</b>		
Painful Urination	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Blurred Vision	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Depression	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Blood in Urine	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Double Vision	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Suicidal Thoughts	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Kidney Problems	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Loss of Vision	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Drug/Alcohol Abuse	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>NEUROLOGICAL:</b>			<b>SKIN:</b>			<b>GASTROINTESTINAL:</b>		
Headaches	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Frequent Rashes	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Constipation	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Seizures	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Blood Clots	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Heartburn	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Dizziness	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Lumps	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	Nausea/Vomiting	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>

**VITALS**

<b>Pain Level:</b>	<b>RR:</b>	<b>Oxygen:</b>	<b>HR:</b>
<b>BP:</b>	<b>Weight:</b>	<b>Height:</b>	<b>Temp:</b>

<b>Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Patient or Legal Representative Signature:</b>	

**MEDICAL RECORDS RELEASE AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION**

**PATIENT INFORMATION**

<b>LAST NAME:</b>	<b>FIRST NAME:</b>	<b>M.I.</b>		<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	<b>STREET:</b>	<b>CITY/STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP CODE:</b>	

**INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED: (CHECK ALL ITEMS TO BE RELEASED)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Entire Record	<input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 3 Office Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> Operative Reports
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 3 Procedure Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> MRI/XRAY/CT SCAN/EMG STUDY
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 3 UDS Results	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Period From: _____	

**Special Records:** I understand that protected health information related to my diagnosis or treatment for AIDS/HIV, psychiatric care treatment, treatment for drug and alcohol abuse may be released as part of my health information. Please check appropriate boxes below.

<b>AIDS/HIV Information:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, disclose	<input type="checkbox"/> NO, do not disclose
<b>Psychiatric Care/Treatment:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, disclose	<input type="checkbox"/> NO, do not disclose
<b>Treatment for Drug/Alcohol Abuse:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, disclose	<input type="checkbox"/> NO, do not disclose

**PURPOSE/USE OF REQUESTED INFORMATION:** Continuation of Treatment

**RELEASE INFORMATION TO:**



**Anchor Spine and Joint**  
 10726 Ketchum Valley Drive, Riverview, FL 33579  
 110 S. MacDill Ave, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609  
 7800 66th Street N, Suite 305, Pinellas Park, FL 33781  
 13543 State Road 54, Suite B, Odessa, FL 33556  
 Phone: 813-331-4465 Fax: 813-280-4855



**AUTHORIZATION:**

**For personal requests:** There will be a charge of \$1.00 per page from 1-25, and \$.25 per page 26+ fee for all requests on paper (plus the cost of postage and envelope).

**For Doctor to Doctor requests:** There will be no fee. By default , the past two (2) years of pertinent information will be sent.

- I understand that my authorization will automatically expire on one (1) year after the date of signature on this form.
- I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time, by notifying Anchor Spine and Joint in writing.
- I understand the revocation will not apply to information that has already been released in response to this authorization.
- I understand that under applicable law, the information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and is no longer subject to the protections of the privacy standard.
- My refusal to sign this authorization will not affect enrollment, eligibility for benefits, payment, or my ability to receive treatment.
- I understand that I may inspect or copy the information that is used or disclosed.

<b>Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Patient or Legal Representative Signature:</b>	

**AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION:**

By signing below, I authorize Anchor Spine and Joint, its agents and employees (“provider”), to use and/or disclose any and all of my protected health information (“records”) on my behalf, of any kind and description, to the following (“recipient”):

Recipient Name:	Relationship:
	Attorney
	Car Insurance
	Relative/Friend/Spouse
	Relative/Friend/Spouse

I also authorize provider to release my protected health information to my insurance, primary care provider, referring provider, hospitals, diagnostic centers, and/or laboratories that may require this information for continued care and authorize provider to transmit this information through electronic means.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION INCLUDING HIV & AIDS RELATED INFORMATION:**

I understand that neither provider nor recipient may condition treatment, payment, enrollment or eligibility for the benefits on whether I sign this authorization. In addition, I understand the recipient may redisclose the records and that the records may no longer be protected by the federal privacy regulations.

I acknowledge and agree that the protected health information authorizes to be disclosed under this authorization may include records for drug or alcohol abuse or psychiatric illness, and records of testing, diagnoses or treatment for HIV, HIV related diseases and communicable disease related information. With respect to any communicable disease related information protected by state confidentiality rules and disclosed under this authorization, recipient is prohibited from making any further disclosure of this information unless future disclosure is expressly permitted by me pursuant to a separate written authorization or is otherwise permitted by applicable law.

I understand I have the right to refuse to sign this authorization, writing, at any time and that I do not have to sign this authorization to receive treatment at Anchor Spine and Joint. When my information is used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization, it may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by the federal health insurance portability and accountability act (HIPPA). I have the right to revoke this authorization in writing except to the extent that the practice has acted in reliance upon this authorization. My written revocation must be submitted to the privacy officer whose address is Anchor Spine and Joint, Attn: Privacy Officer, 10726 Ketchum Valley Drive, Riverview, FL 33579.

Further, with respect to any drug and alcohol abuse treatment information disclosed under this authorization, this information has been disclosed from records protected by federal confidentiality rules (42 C.F.R. Part 2). The federal rules prohibit the recipient of this information from making any further disclosure of this information unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by me pursuant to a separate written authorization or is otherwise permitted by 42 C.F.R. part 2. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT enough for the purpose. The federal rules restrict any use of the information to criminally investigate or prosecute any alcohol or drug abuse patient.

This authorization will remain effective until one year following the dates set forth below, or, if no date is set forth below, the date Anchor Spine and Joint receives executed authorization, at which time this authorization will be used, disclosed, and protected.

<b>Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Patient or Legal Representative Signature:</b>	



**PATIENT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT:  
AUTHORITY TO TREAT AND GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT FOR  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

Re: Patient Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter “Patient”)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial:**

1. Anchor Spine and Joint (hereinafter “the Practice”) has agreed to provide medical care to the Patient.

2. Because the Patient is being seen at this medical practice due to injuries received as a result of a traumatic event, this document becomes reasonable and necessary. The Practice will bill any and all applicable insurance coverages and/or governmental benefit programs which are accepted by the Practice for any services rendered, unless otherwise directed in the Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Billing and Service Options. However, often times, standard insurance coverages and/or governmental benefit programs will not pay all of the medical bills incurred and/or for the services rendered for one or more reasons. Any balance for medical services which are not paid by the patient’s insurance coverage or accepted governmental benefits shall remain the responsibility of the patient.

3. Presently, the Patient is not a subscribing member of any group or individual commercial health insurance policy and/or does not participate in any government sponsored health insurance plans (Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare, etc.) OR the Patient does possess valid health insurance or a sponsored health plan but requires medical care which may not be fully reimbursable under said policy or program.

4. The Patient does not want to pay any out-of-pocket costs associated with his/her medical care and as a result, has requested an alternate payment arrangement with the practice. The Practice agrees to provide medical care and to defer collection of his/her medical charges including, but not limited to, co-pays, deductibles and/or patient responsibilities until the conclusion of any liability claim/claims being made as a result of his/her traumatic incident.

5. As one potential payment source, the Practice has the right to seek payment for the medical services provided from the proceeds of the Patient’s settlement or jury verdict in his/her liability claim/claims. The Patient hereby agrees and directs his/her Attorney to pay for his/her medical treatment out of the proceeds of any settlement or verdict the Patient may receive from the patient’s case.

6. In consideration for this Patient Financial Agreement/Authority to Treat and Guarantee of Payment, the Practice agrees to defer attempts to collect payment until the conclusion of the Patient's legal claim/claims for this incident.

7. The Patient understands that this type of Patient Financial Agreement/Authority to Treat and Guarantee of Payment is vastly different from the traditional contractual relationship between the practice and a commercial insurance carrier or government sponsored insurance plan. In that instance, there is a predictable certainty in the contractual relationship wherein the contract defines the responsibility of each respective party. The parties pre-emptively agree upon terms such as: utilization/pre-authorization, reimbursement rates, billing practices, aging of receivables and the appeals process for denials. Conversely, this arrangement covered by this agreement has an unpredictable outcome which presents certain risks to the Practice. The consequence of uncertainty in litigation matters requires compliance with the terms of this agreement in order to adequately reflect such risks as well as to account for the additional costs and responsibilities which this medical practice will be required to undertake.

8. Regardless of the outcome of any liability claim/claims which is/are the subject of the traumatic incident that has required the need for the medical services, the below signed Patient understands and agrees that he/she is personally responsible for any unpaid balance that remains unpaid at the conclusion of the liability claim/claims.

I have read this document carefully and I have been given an opportunity to ask any questions and/or have this agreement reviewed by an attorney of my choice prior to signing this agreement. I understand and agree with this document as evidenced by my voluntary signature below.

Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:	Date:
Patient or Legal Representative Signature:	
Medical Provider Signature:	Date:





## ADVANCED BENEFICIARY NOTICE OF BILLING AND SERVICE OPTIONS

By my signature below, I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), hereby acknowledge and understand that Anchor Spine and Joint (hereinafter “the Practice”), have offered to provide medical treatment related to my liability incident dated \_\_\_\_\_. I have fully read this notice to make an informed decision about the payment for my medical care. I further acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions I may have and to consult with an attorney of my choice to discuss my rights and responsibilities prior to choosing my option and signing this form.

**(INITIAL ONLY ONE BOX. WE CANNOT CHOOSE A BOX FOR YOU.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **OPTION 1** - Due to the time and nature of treatment to be rendered by the practice, in addition to the risk in undertaking my medical treatment of either underpayment or nonpayment by my health insurance carrier, I want the medical services prescribed by the practice but do not want my health insurance to be billed. I do not want to pay out-of-pocket for my co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance, or other patient responsibility costs related to these medical services. I understand that by choosing this option, I will remain personally liable for the payment of all medical services rendered but I am being offered the ability to pay for those medical services at a later time and with no additional interest on the amount owed. I understand that the term “health insurance carrier” includes health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and/or managed healthcare of any kind.

\_\_\_\_\_ **OPTION 2** - I hereby agree that the practice will bill my health insurance carrier, Medicare, Medicaid, or other applicable carrier for the medical services by the practice, but I will be required to pay in full all co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance, or patient responsibility estimated to be payable as a result of the rendering of these medical services prior to receiving any medical treatment.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this notice and have freely made my own decision as to which option to choose. Any questions I have about this document have been answered to my satisfaction by the Practice and I have had an opportunity to consult my attorney if needed.

Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:

Date:

Patient or Legal Representative Signature:

## FINANCIAL POLICY

Our financial policy has been put in place to ensure that financial payments due are recovered to allow us to continue to provide the highest quality medical care for our patients.

**Appointments:** Missed appointments and late arrivals: if you are more than 15 minutes late, we reserve the right to reschedule your appointment. If you are more than 60 minutes late, no show for an appointment, or do not give cancellation notice at least 24 hours in advance, you will be responsible for a missed appointment fee. The first missed appointment occurrence will not be charged a fee. Any additional missed appointments will result in a missed appointment fee as follows: Missed office visits are subject to a \$100 charge, missed procedure are subject to a \$250 charge. These charges are your responsibility and will not be billed to any insurance carrier. It is at the provider's discretion to determine whether you will be dismissed from the practice due to missed appointments.

## INSURANCE PAYMENTS

**Financial responsibility:** Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance carrier. You are ultimately responsible for payment in full for all medical services provided to you. Any charges not paid by your insurer will be your responsibility, except as limited by our contract (if any) with your insurance carrier.

**Coverage changes and timely submission:** It is your responsibility to inform us in a timely manner of any changes to your billing or insurance information. There is a time limit within which Anchor Spine and Joint must submit a claim on your behalf to your insurer. If we are unable to submit your claim within this period because we have not been supplied with your correct insurance information, you will be responsible for the charges.

**Self-pay:** If you have no health insurance or governmental sponsored program and are not treating under an ABN or authority to treat, you will be considered a self-pay patient. Your payment may be made pursuant to a time of service discount negotiated with the practice and paid prior to receipt of any service.

## BENEFITS AND AUTHORIZATION

**Insurance plan participation:** We participate in many but not all insurance plans. It is your responsibility to contact your insurance company to verify that your assigned physician participates in your plan. Out of network charges may have higher deductibles and co-payments.

**Prior authorization and non-covered services:** Anchor Spine and Joint may provide services that insurance plans exclude or require prior authorization. If insured, it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that services provided to you are covered benefits and authorized by your insurer. As a courtesy to our patients, Anchor Spine and Joint makes a good faith effort to determine if services are covered by your insurance plan, and, if so, whether prior authorization for treatment is required. If determined that a prior authorization is required, we will attempt to obtain such authorization on your behalf. Please be aware some and perhaps all the services provided may be "non-covered" services and not considered reasonable and necessary under the Medicare program and/or other medical insurance. Our practice is committed to providing the best treatment possible for our patients, and we charge what is usual and customary for the area.

**Out of network payments:** If we are not part of your insurance carrier's network (out-of-network) and your insurance carrier pays you directly, you are solely responsible for payment and agree to forward the payment to Anchor Spine and Joint, immediately.

## ACCOUNT BALANCES AND PAYMENTS

**Reassignment of balances:** If your insurance company does not pay within a reasonable time, we may transfer the balance to your sole responsibility. Please follow up with your insurance carrier to resolve non-payment issues. Balances are due within 30 days of receiving a statement.

**Returned check:** Returned checks will be subject to a \$38 returned check fee.

I have read and understand the financial policy of Anchor Spine and Joint, and I agree to abide by its terms. I understand that this financial policy is binding upon me, my estate, executors and/or administrators, if applicable. I hereby authorize Anchor Spine and Joint, to release any medical information necessary to process all claims for reimbursement on my behalf. I hereby assign all medical and surgical benefits and authorize my insurance carrier(s) to issue payment directly to Anchor Spine and Joint or named physicians or affiliates for services rendered. I also authorize payment of government benefits to the physician (entity) and any payments related to cross-over Medigap insurers. I request that payment of authorized secondary insurance be made either to me or on my behalf to the above named entity. I understand that I am financially responsible for all services I receive from Anchor Spine and Joint. I further agree that a photocopy of this agreement shall be considered as effective and valid as the original.

Patient or Legal Representative Printed Name:	Date:
Patient or Legal Representative Signature:	