

## CONSENT TO CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT

### **THE MATERIAL RISKS INHERENT TO YOUR TREATMENT**

Chiropractic care is a safe and effective approach for many health conditions, however as with any health care procedures, chiropractic treatments present the risk of complications or negative side effects. The list below includes the various treatments available in our office and the potential risks associated with these treatments.

### **CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION THERAPY**

The risks associated with chiropractic treatments include, but are not limited to, dislocations and sprains, disc injuries, fractures, and strokes. The negative side effects are very rare and your doctor has done careful screening for contraindications during the consultation and examinations. Another more common side effect associated with chiropractic manipulation therapy is some soreness or stiffness following the treatment. Your doctor may recommend the use of some ice or heat to reduce discomfort.

### **DRY NEEDLING**

Dry needling is a skilled technique performed using a single-use, single-insertion, sterile filiform needle, which is used to penetrate the skin or underlying tissue to effect change in body conditions, pain, movement, impairment and disability. Like any treatment there are possible complications. While these complications are rare in occurrence, they are real and must be considered prior to giving your consent for dry needling treatment. Risks may include bruising, infection or nerve injury.

### **SOFT TISSUE TECHNIQUE or ACTIVE RELEASE TECHNIQUES (A.R.T)**

The doctor's hands or a plastic instrument may be used to release a muscle or tendon, softening adhesions and promoting healing of the injured or scarred tissue. In some instances, this procedure may cause muscle soreness, bruising, or reactive swelling. Please inform your doctor if you are taking a blood thinner medication or if you bruise easily.

### **REHABILITATIVE EXERCISE**

Exercises may be prescribed by the doctor. If the exercises are performed improperly, injury or exacerbation could occur. If you have questions about the prescribed exercises, consult the doctor for further explanation. The use of exercise equipment may be prescribed as well. Back Pain Center is not responsible for any injuries that may occur if said equipment is used incorrectly or without proper supervision. Please alert your doctor or trainer if you have any medical conditions that would contraindicate the prescribed exercises, training, or recommended treatment.

### **DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE.**

I have read or have had read to me the above explanation of the chiropractic manipulation and related treatment. By signing below, I state that I have weighed the risks involved in undergoing treatment and have decided that it is in my best interest (or, in the case of a minor, in the best interest of the patient) to undergo the treatment recommended. Having been informed of the risks, I hereby give my consent to that treatment.

We are a training facility for Logan Chiropractic College and frequently have interns/residents assisting our doctors. If you oppose having an intern in the room, please notify your doctor.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Patient** (or Legal Guardian/Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **FINANCIAL POLICY**

Welcome to Back Pain Center. We ask that you read and sign our financial policy prior to any treatment. To avoid misunderstandings, please ask us if you have questions about our policies.

**PAYMENT FOR SERVICE:** Our policy requires payment for services at the time service is provided. If special arrangements are needed, please discuss those arrangements with your doctor or the Front Desk Staff prior to treatment.

\*Our office accepts cash, personal checks, MasterCard, VISA, Discover, and American Express.

Returned checks will be subject to a \$25 fee. We do not accept temporary or post-dated checks.

**NON-INSURED:** If you do not have insurance or our office is not a participating provider with your insurance plan, the self-pay rate is due at the time of service. Those rates are: \$150 - New Patient (or hasn't been seen in 3+ years); \$115 - Inactive Patient (hasn't been seen in 6+ months); \$60 - Active Patient (has been seen within 6 months).

**HEALTH/MEDICAL INSURANCE:** As a courtesy to you, our office will attempt to contact your insurance company to verify coverage and benefits. It is ultimately your responsibility to verify the provider is In-Network with your insurance policy and to be aware of your *CHIROPRACTIC* benefits including any policy limitations or changes as your insurance policy is an agreement between you and your insurance company, not between your insurance company and this practice. With the information we receive, we will **ESTIMATE** your out-of-pocket cost at the time of your appointment and file your claims; however, we **CANNOT** guarantee how the insurance company will process your claim. Once your claim has been processed, you will be sent a statement for any difference in the amount paid and the actual amount due. If your insurance company denies a claim for any reason or you feel your claim was processed incorrectly, you will be required to pay for services and seek reimbursement from your insurance company.

**OVERPAYMENTS:** In the event we overestimate your out-of-pocket expense resulting in a credit on your account, our office will automatically issue a refund if the patient overpays by \$100.01 or more. If the patient overpays by \$100.00 or less, our office will make the credit available for future services provided by Back Pain Center unless the patient makes a request for reimbursement. Patient credits will be reviewed once a quarter for patients who have not been active for 365 days or more.

**PATIENTS WITH MEDICARE:** Some chiropractic procedures are considered 'not allowed' by Medicare and will not be covered. We will provide an Advanced Beneficiary Notice of Non-Coverage (ABN) for your review and signature. We ask you to provide your Medicare information and we will submit your claim.

**PERSONAL INJURY/AUTO ACCIDENTS** : You will receive an additional Financial Agreement that explains your options and how your medical bills will be handled for each. Regardless of what option you choose, your signature below confirms you understand you are ultimately responsible for payment of the services rendered to you. If you discontinue treatment prior to the doctor releasing you from care, payment of your account becomes due immediately. It is imperative for you to maintain good communication and timely correspondence with all parties involved to help your case settle as quickly as possible.

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION:** If you are injured on the job, your care should be paid for under your employer's Workers Compensation insurance. You will need to inform your employer of the accident/injury and obtain the name and address of their Worker's Compensation insurance carrier. Worker's Compensation will only pay for chiropractic care when authorized by your employer, the insurance carrier, or the Missouri Division of Workers Compensation (MODWC). We will NOT begin treatment until we have an Authorization of Coverage from your employer's Workers Compensation insurance. If you do not want to wait, you may pay in full at the time services are rendered, until coverage is authorized. We will provide you with a receipt so that you may request compensation from the company yourself.

**MISSED APPOINTMENTS:** We require a 24-hour notice when canceling or rescheduling an appointment. A \$25 fee may be assessed if appointments are missed (or rescheduled) without the proper notice.

**COLLECTION FEES:** In the event of non-payment, you will be responsible for any reasonable collection and legal fees associated with the collection of the balance due. The collection fee is 25% of the total balance and will be added to the account if it is turned over to an outside agency.

**I have read all the above terms and hereby assume responsibility for paying any charges according to these terms. I authorize my insurance company to pay my benefits directly to Back Pain Center.**

Patient Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of **Patient** ( or Legal Guardian/Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Legal Guardian/Parent (print): \_\_\_\_\_



## **PATIENT AUTHORIZATION FORM**

### **Authorization to Release Information to Family Members/Friends**

Many of our patients choose to allow family members—such as a spouse, significant other, parent, or child—to access their medical or financial information. However, under HIPAA regulations, we are not permitted to release this information without the patient's written consent.

If you would like us to share your medical information, diagnostic test results, or financial details with a family member, you must complete and sign this authorization form.

Please note: You have the right to revoke this consent in writing at any time, except where information has already been disclosed based on your prior authorization.

**I authorize Back Pain Center to release my records and any information requested to the following individuals.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Relation to Patient:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Relation to Patient:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Relation to Patient:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Authorization Regarding Messages (please check all that apply)**

\_\_\_\_ I authorize you to leave a detailed message on my home or cell number regarding appointments

\_\_\_\_ I authorize you to leave a detailed message on my home or cell number regarding medical treatment, care, test results or financial information

\_\_\_\_ I authorize you to leave a message with anyone who answers the phone

**\*\*Do you give us authorization to send e-mail communications (appointment receipts, statements and/or any documents you request, etc) via unencrypted email.**   ☐ YES   ☐ NO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name (PLEASE PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature