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Consent for Chiropractic Treatment of a Minor Child

I _____, the Mother Father Legal Guardian of _____, do hereby consent to the rendering of care, including diagnostic procedures, x-rays and treatment given by Michael Eekhoff D.C. I also consent to the treatment of massage therapy by our massage therapist if Dr. Michael Eekhoff deems massage therapy to be medically necessary.

The Nature of Chiropractic Treatment:

The Doctor will use his/her hands or a mechanical device to move your joints. You may feel a “click” or “pop”, such as the noise when a knuckle is “cracked”. You may also feel movement of the joint. Various ancillary procedures such as ice and heat therapy, electric muscle stimulation, therapeutic exercise and decompression therapy may also be used.

Possible Risks:

As with any health care procedure, complications are possible following a chiropractic manipulation. Complications could include but are not limited to fractures, muscular strain, ligamentous sprain, dislocations of joints, or injury to intervertebral discs, nerves, or spinal cord. Cerebrovascular injury or stroke could occur upon severe injury to the arteries of the neck. A minority of patients may notice stiffness or soreness after the first few days of treatment. The ancillary procedures could produce skin irritation, burns or minor complications.

Probability of Risks Occurring:

The risks of complications due to chiropractic treatment have been described as “rare”, about as often as complications that are seen from the taking of a single aspirin tablet. The risk of cerebrovascular injury or stroke has been estimated at one in one million to one in twenty million and can be even further reduced by screening procedures. The probability of adverse reaction due to ancillary procedures is also considered “rare”.

Other treatment options which could be considered may include the following:

- *Over the counter analgesics.* The risks of these medications include irritation to stomach, liver and kidneys and other side effects in a significant number of cases.
- *Medical Care,* typically anti-inflammatory drugs, tranquilizers and analgesics. Risks of these drugs include a multitude of undesirable side effects and patient dependence in a significance number of cases.
- *Hospitalization* in conjunction with medical care adds risk of exposure to virulent communicable disease in a significant number of cases.
- *Surgery* in conjunction with medical care adds the risk of adverse reaction to anesthesia, as well an extended convalescent period in a significant number of cases.

Risks of Remaining Untreated:

Delay of treatment allows formation of adhesions, scar tissue and other degenerative changes. These changes can further reduce skeletal mobility, and induce chronic pain cycles. It is quite probable that delay of treatment will complicate the condition and, make future rehabilitation more difficult.

I acknowledge that I am responsible for any/all charges in connection with care and treatment rendered.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Authorized All Ways Chiropractic Employee Signature

Date