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PATIENT CONSENT, ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

Patient/Client Name _____ Patient/Client ID # _____ (if applicable)

Consent for Treatment & Use of Records

I, the undersigned, voluntarily consent to treatment by the practitioners and clinical staff of the University Health Center. I also voluntarily consent to the use and disclosure of my protected health information (PHI) for treatment, payment and operations and such other purposes that are permitted under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) without a written authorization. I understand that the University Health Center is an integrated unit including medical, mental health and health promotion/wellness and that my record may be shared between those internal departments for treatment purposes. In addition, the UHC actively collaborates with Athletic Training Services/Sports Medicine and the Counseling Center on the care of patients and my medical information may be shared with those units for the purpose of care coordination and delivery.

I understand that in cases of disclosure of threats to harm myself or others, or instances of past or present child neglect or abuse, disclosure and/or mandated reporting may follow in accordance with State law and/or University policies and practices. I acknowledge that I have been offered the Notice of Privacy Practices (NOPP), which contains additional information about the use of my PHI. The NOPP is also available on the Health Center website.

Financial Responsibility

I accept that I am financially responsible for all services rendered on my behalf for which a charge may be associated. I accept personal responsibility for all co-payments, deductibles, and non-covered services, as dictated by my insurance coverage, plus any collection costs for amounts personally owed by me.

In the event that this visit is based on a Worker's Compensation claim and my Worker's Compensation claim is not accepted, I agree to have the fees associated with services sent to my private health insurance company.

I acknowledge that not all services provided by the University Health Center are covered by my insurance plan for one or more reasons, including but not limited to exclusions from my insurance plan, my insurance plan's designation of the Health Center as an out-of-network provider, and/or my failure to provide my insurance card. I acknowledge that physical therapy, acupuncture, and massage services are not billed to insurance carriers and I agree to be financially responsible for those services.

Authorization (PLEASE COMPLETE):

I authorize payment directly to the University Health Center for services for which the University Health Center accepts payment. I accept responsibility for all charges if I do not have medical insurance. I have been informed that the services provided may not be covered by my insurance plan. I elect to proceed with service with the understanding that I may be personally responsible to pay for the service being rendered to me.

_____ _____
Patient Signature Date

_____ _____
Witness Signature Date

Addendum D
Faculty Staff Assistance Program Form

Patient/Client Name _____ Patient/Client ID # _____

Confidentiality Policy: All Health Center records are confidential to the extent permitted by Federal and state law. Faculty/Staff Assistance Program information is also confidential but, in the interest of providing the best integrated treatment, information may be shared within the Health Center on a need to know basis**.**

I understand and acknowledge that there are exceptions to the confidentiality policy, as required by law, including:

4. When I have signed a Release of Information Consent Form for specified individuals or agencies;
5. When there is a court order, signed by a duly appointed or elected judge, for release of my records;
6. When I am perceived by University Health Center officials to be a danger to myself or others.

I also understand and acknowledge that in the following two instances a report will be made to the appropriate state agency, as required by law:

3. When I am suspected of abusing children or other vulnerable individuals; and
4. When I report that I was physically or sexually abused before the age of 18.

This policy is in effect now and at all times after I leave the University.

Application of the Family & Educational Privacy Act (FERPA)

If you are a student, your health records are covered by FERPA rather than the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA). FERPA and HIPAA have different exceptions that allow for disclosure of information without a patient's consent.

I hereby give my informed consent to receive treatment from the Faculty Staff Assistance Program. I understand that this will encompass the intake and diagnostic assessment process, as well as any therapy which may be recommended and undertaken. I have reviewed and understand the issues related to confidentiality as stated above and I have been offered a copy of this statement of confidentiality for my own records.

_____ _____
Client Signature Date

_____ _____
Counselor/Witness Signature Date