



AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

Patient's Name: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Phone Number: _____

I authorize the release of my medical records to Physician Partners of America (PPOA), Pain Relief Group for review and continuation of my medical care. I authorize the following physician offices, clinics, legal offices, diagnostic centers, and medical providers to provide copies of my health records to:

Persons/Organizations receiving:

(List all facilities, clinics and offices from which information may be requested)

Provider/Attorney/Diagnostic	Address	Phone number

Restrictions: There are NO restrictions to the information that can be released
 The following information CANNOT be released:

DURATION: This Authorization will remain in effect: (please check selection):

From the date of this authorization until ____/____/____

Until the provider fulfills this authorization request

Until the following event occurs: _____

ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) AUTHORIZED TO MAKE USE OR DISCLOSURE OF MY PHI:

We at Physician Partners of America (PPOA), Pain Relief Group will do everything in our power to protect your privacy. Your medical information will not be given to any individual (including spouses, parents, children or anyone else) without written consent. If you want anyone other than your referring physician to have access to your medical information, please list his or her name, relationship to you, and phone number below. (Note: Uses and disclosures may be permitted without prior consent in an emergency.)

Name	Relationship to patient	Phone number

Information regarding my contact with this office (appointment confirmation/medical information) may be left:

In person in office only

Voicemail/Answering Machine

Patient Initials: _____

Date: / /



Opiate Agreement

I, _____, am requesting treatment with opiate pain medication(s) because other therapies, treatments, and/or medication(s) that I have previously received and had not provided me with adequate relief of pain. I understand:

- That it is unlikely that any medication(s) will completely remove or eliminate my pain.
- Opiate pain medication(s) will be prescribed for me for humane reasons as long as my pain continues at the present level or intensity, provided that I follow all terms of this agreement/ Agreement.

My provider has discussed potential long-term opiate therapy with me in detail and I understand some of the possible complications that may occur are:

- Chemical/Physical dependence and addiction
- Severe constipation which could require medical treatment difficulty with urination
- Drowsiness
- Nausea
- Itching

Slowed breathing or respirations

Reduced or absent sexual desire and/or function

- Coma
- Organ damage, failure; or death

I further understand that if I take all my medication(s) sooner than prescribed or if I suddenly stop taking my medication(s), that I could have opiate withdrawal symptoms that can be very painful and life threatening.

Female patients only: I understand that there are both known and unknown risks/ hazards to an unborn infant if the mother takes opiate medication(s). The risks/hazards include but are not limited to opiate addiction of the infant with opiate withdrawal after birth.

I assume full responsibility for notifying my provider if I suspect or confirm that I am pregnant. I further understand that a different plan of treatment, without the use of opiates, will be tried during pregnancy.

Terms/Agreements

This opiate agreement is contingent on compliance with ALL of the following patient and provider terms:

- Only one pharmacy will be used at any one time for filling my opiate prescriptions. The selected pharmacy is: _____
- I agree to receive opiate medication prescriptions ONLY from the providers at Provider Partners of America (hereinafter "PPOA")
- In order to obtain a refill for opiate medication(s), I understand that an appointment must be scheduled with the provider. I further understand that it is my responsibility to sure that I have enough medication to last through the weekend, holiday and/or after hours (**5pm- 8 am**).
- I understand PPOA does not accept telephone requests for opiate prescriptions and I must be seen at my regularly scheduled appointment with the provider to receive an opiate prescription.

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In the case of another provider(s) on-call after hours, on holidays, and/or on weekends, he/she will **NOT** refill my medication(s). It has been explained to me that they may not have charts available for review to make decisions regarding medications.

- I agree to be under the care of a primary care provider. I will inform PPOA if I change my primary care provider. My primary care provider is _____
- I hereby authorize a release of information that allows the providers(s) and/or staff to communicate and collaborate with any other health care provider in my care.
- I understand that at PPOA there are many different professionals on staff who work together with a team approach to treatment plan and progress, and I give permission for the team to discuss my treatment plan and progress.
- I will notify PPOA immediately if I experience medication side effects.
- I understand that if a serious issue effect occurs after hours, on a holiday or during the weekend, that I should immediately seek Emergency assistance from the nearest hospital.
- Prescription dosage(s) have been thoroughly explained to me by my provider and I understand that I SHALL NOT change dosage amounts and/or alter the time schedule of the prescribed medication(s) without directions to do so by my provider.

I understand that opiate medications(s) should be kept in a safe place at all times and that I am responsible for the security of my medication. It has been thoroughly explained to me that the policy does not allow for replacement of misplaced, spilled, inaccessible, or lost opiate medication(s) or prescription (s). I understand that if my medication(s) or prescriptions(s) are stolen that I must deliver a police report to my provider and they will contact the police for verification of the report. A second event such as above may lead to termination of this Agreement.

- I understand the benefits of opiate medications will be evaluated regularly using the following criteria:
 - Increase in general level of functioning, increase in life activities, decrease in the intensity of pain, absence of unacceptable or intolerable adverse side effects, and improvement in mood.
- I agree to participate in psychotherapy sessions and psychological testing as deemed appropriate by my provider and/or the team of health care provider(s).
- I agree to submit a random urine and or/blood screens for other medications and drugs.
- I have been given information about the use of opiate medication, including possible risks and adverse side effects such as the development of tolerance, dependence, addiction, and withdrawal and after thoroughly reviewing the information; I believe the benefits will be greater than the risks.
- I will not hoard or alter opiate prescription.
- I will not drink alcohol within 24-48 hours of taking opiate medication(s).
- I understand that a nurse may notify me of noted violations to this agreement and such notification will be considered appropriate violations in the agreement may result in Opiate Treatment Monitoring for six (6) months.
- I agree to allow PPOA to contact other pharmacies to discuss my medications.

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Opiate Treatment Monitoring:

During this period, I understand that I might have my opiate medication discontinued at any time for any reason, per a decision by my provider and the health care team. Upon notification of such discontinuance, I will be provided with a 30 day supply of appropriate medication(s). I further understand that during this period, I might be referred to an addiction specialist or to a drug detoxification program. In addition, I also realize that I might be immediately referred to an inpatient drug detoxification program and NO further medication will be provided. I attest to the following (initial below):

- _____ I am not using illegal drugs or prescription drugs prescribed for someone other than myself.
- _____ I (**am/am not**) not undergoing treatment for substance (drugs or alcohol) dependence or abuse.
- _____ I have never been involved in the sale, illegal possession, or transport of drugs.

(Female only) I am not pregnant and I will inform the medical staff at PPOA if I become pregnant or intend to become pregnant. I understand there may be harmful effects on an unborn infant if I take opiate medication(s). **(Initial below).**

- _____ An opiate information form was provided.
- _____ I have read or had it read to me
- _____ I understand the possible side effects and complications of opiate therapy.

Release

I release my provider, the team of health care providers, the team of health care providers, and PPOA from liability for any medical and social conditions or consequences related to opiate medication(s) therapy and/or discontinuance of opiate medication(s).

Acknowledgement/Agreement

I hereby acknowledge that the content of this agreement has been explained to me. In addition, I have either read the agreement or had it read to me. I was offered many opportunities to ask questions and discuss any unclear aspects of this Agreement.

I acknowledge that I fully understand that my failure to comply with any term(S) set forth within this agreement will result in a termination of this agreement and possibly of my care and medications at PPOA.

Patient Signature & Date: _____

Provider Signature & Date: _____

Witness Signature & Date: _____

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Date: / /



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Financial Responsibility

I understand that insurance billing is a service provided as a courtesy and that I am at all times financially responsible to Physician Partners of America (hereinafter “PPOA”) and/or its affiliated entities, for any charges not covered by my healthcare benefits. It is my responsibility to notify PPOA of any changes in my healthcare coverage. In some cases, exact insurance benefits cannot be determined until the insurance company receives the claim. I am responsible for the entire bill and/or balance of the bill as determined by PPOA and/or my healthcare insurer, if the submitted claims or any part of the claim are denied for payment. I understand that by signing this form, I am accepting financial responsibility as explained above, for all payment for medical services and/or supplies received.

Assignment of Benefits

I authorize direct remittance of payment of all insurance benefits, including Medicare if I am a Medicare beneficiary, to PPOA for all covered medical services and supplies provided to me during all courses of treatment. This includes care provided by PPOA and/or its affiliated entities or otherwise at its discretion. I understand and agree this Assignment of Benefits will constitute a continuing authorization, maintained on file with PPOA, which will authorize and allow for direct payment to PPOA of all applicable and eligible insurance benefits for all subsequent and continuing treatment, services, supplies and/or care provided to me by PPOA.

Ownership Disclosure

I understand that PPOA is a physician-owned medical practice comprised of the offices of primary care providers, specialty care providers, and associated ancillary services. These ancillaries include, but may not be limited to, laboratory, pathology, radiology/diagnostic, physical therapy, pharmacy, and ambulatory surgery center services. During the course of my care, I may be referred to one or more of these ancillary departments. I have the right to choose where to receive these services, and I understand that I am not obligated to receive these services at a PPOA ancillary department.

 Printed Name of Patient

 Name of Guardian/Personal Representative

 Signature of Patient

 Signature of Guardian or Personal Representative

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Date: / /