

SPINE AND ORTHOPEDIC CENTER OF NEW JERSEY

90 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, NJ 07871

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, _____, irrevocably assign to you, my medical provider, all of my rights and benefits under my insurance contract and/or any employee welfare benefit plan for payment for services rendered to me, including but not limited to all of my rights and benefits under the **Employee Retirement Income Security Act** ("ERISA") applicable to the medical services at issue. I irrevocably authorize you to file insurance claims on my behalf for services rendered to me and this specifically includes filing arbitration/litigation in your name on my behalf against the PIP carrier/health care carrier/employee welfare benefit plan for any and all rights and benefits under ERISA or applicable statute/law, including but not limited to the claim for penalties and fees under ERISA for failure to provide Plan documents and other equitable relief. I irrevocably authorize you to retain an attorney of your choice on my behalf for collection of your bills and/or to file insurance claims on my behalf for services rendered to me. I direct that all reimbursable medical payments go directly to you, my medical provider. I authorize and consent to your acting on my behalf in this regard and in regard to my general health insurance coverage and I specifically authorize you to pursue any administrative appeals conducted pursuant to ERISA.

In the event the insurance carrier responsible for making medical payments in this matter does not accept my assignment, or my assignment is challenged or deemed invalid, I execute this **limited/special power of attorney** and appoint and authorize your collection attorney as my agent and attorney to collect payment for your medical services directly against the carrier in this case, in my name, including filing an arbitration demand or lawsuit. I specifically authorize that attorney to file directly against that carrier in my name or in your name as a medical provider rendering services to me and designate your collection attorney as my attorney-in-fact. I further grant limited power of attorney to you as my medical provider to receive and collect directly from the insurance carrier money due you for services rendered to me in this matter, and hereby instruct the insurance carrier to pay you directly any monies due you for medical services you rendered to me. **I authorize you and or your attorney to receive from my insurer, immediately upon verbal request, all information regarding last payment made by said insurer on my claim, including date of payment and balance of benefits remaining.**

I authorize you and or your attorney to obtain medical information regarding my physical condition from any other health care provider, including hospitals, diagnostic centers, etc., and I specifically authorize such health care provider(s) to release all such information to you about me, including medical reports, X-ray reports, narrative reports, and any other report or information regarding my physical condition.

If you, my medical provider, initiates a collection proceeding against me, whether through litigation, arbitration or otherwise, in connection with any and all claims unreimbursed and/or under-reimbursed by my insurance carrier, I agree to pay any and all of my medical provider's attorneys' fees and court fees in connection with that proceeding.

Dated: _____

Patient Signature