



## **HIPAA, INFORMED CONSENT, and FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**

*Read Carefully, this is a Legal Document*

### **Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement**

I understand that, under the Health Information Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information. I have read the Pivotal Injury and Rehab Notice of Privacy Practices. (One copy will be provided upon the patient's request and can also be viewed on the practice website.)

### **Informed Consent**

As with any healthcare procedure, there are certain complications which may arise during chiropractic manipulation and therapy. These complications include but are not limited to: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, cervical myelopathy, costovertebral strains and separations, and burns. Some types of manipulation of the neck have been associated with injuries to the arteries in the neck leading to or contributing to serious complications including stroke. Some patients will feel some stiffness and soreness following the first few days of treatment. We will make every reasonable effort during the examination to screen for contraindications to care; however, if you have a condition that would otherwise not come to our attention, it is your responsibility to inform us. Fractures are rare occurrences and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone which we check for during the taking of your history, during examination and X-ray. Stroke has been the subject of tremendous disagreement. The incidences of stroke are exceedingly rare and are estimated to occur between one in one million and one in five million cervical adjustments. The other complications are also generally described as rare. Remaining untreated may allow the formation of adhesions and reduce mobility which may set up a pain reaction further reducing mobility. Over time this process may complicate treatment making it more difficult and less effective the longer it is postponed.

### **Financial Agreement**

Please remember that insurance is considered a method of reimbursing the patient for fees put to the doctor and is NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR PAYMENT. Some companies pay fixed allowances for certain procedures, and others pay a percentage of the charge. It is your responsibility to pay any deductible amount, co-insurance, or any other balance not paid by your insurance. If this account is assigned to an attorney/outside agency for collection and/or suit, Pivotal Injury and Rehab shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and for cost of collection. I authorize the release of any information necessary to determine liability for payment and to obtain reimbursement on any claim.

**I certify that I have read and fully understand all of the above information.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Assignment of Benefits and Release of Medical Information**

In considering the amount of medical expenses to be incurred, I, the undersigned, have insurance and/or employee health care benefits coverage, and hereby assign and convey directly to Pivotal Injury and Rehab all medical benefits and/or insurance reimbursement, if any, otherwise payable to me for services rendered from such doctor and clinic. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges regardless of any applicable insurance or benefit payments. I hereby authorize the doctor to release all medical information necessary to process this claim. I hereby authorize any plan administrator or fiduciary, insurer and my attorney to release to such doctor and clinic any and all plan documents, insurance policy and/or settlement information upon written request from such doctor and clinic in order to claim such medical benefits, reimbursement or any applicable remedies. I authorize the use of this signature on all my insurance and/or employee health benefits claim submissions.

I hereby convey to the above named doctor and clinic to the full extent permissible under the law and under the any applicable insurance policies and/or employee health care plan any claim, chose in action, or other right I may have to such insurance and/or employee health care benefits coverage under any applicable insurance policies and/or employee health care plan with respect to medical expenses incurred as a result of the medical services I received from the above named doctor and clinic and to the extent permissible under the law to claim such medical benefits, insurance reimbursement and any applicable remedies. Further, in response to any reasonable request for cooperation, I agree to cooperate with such doctor and clinic in any attempts by such doctor and clinic to pursue such claim, chose in action or right against my insurers and/or employee health care plan, including, if necessary, bring suit with such doctor and clinic against such insurers and/or employee health care plan in my name but at such doctor and clinic's expenses. This assignment will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. A photocopy of this assignment is to be considered as valid as the original. I have read and fully understand this agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1.) What symptoms are you having? \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Please indicate the average intensity of your symptoms by marking an 'X' on the line where appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_

No Symptoms Worst Pain Imaginable

3.) When did you first notice these symptoms? \_\_\_\_\_

- 4.) How often do you feel the symptoms?
- Less than 26% of the time
  - 26-50% of the time
  - 51-75% of the time
  - 76-100% of the time

- 5.) Are your symptoms worse:
- In the morning
  - At mid-day
  - At the end of the day
  - At night before bed
  - My symptoms are the same throughout the day

6.) How would you describe your pain and/or symptoms? (Please check all that apply)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Dull     | <input type="radio"/> Sharp     | <input type="radio"/> Throbbing |
| <input type="radio"/> Burning  | <input type="radio"/> Deep      | <input type="radio"/> Aching    |
| <input type="radio"/> Tingling | <input type="radio"/> Stabbing  | <input type="radio"/> Cramping  |
| <input type="radio"/> Numbness | <input type="radio"/> Radiating |                                 |

7.) What aggravates your symptoms? (Please check all that apply)

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Sitting  | <input type="radio"/> Stooping | <input type="radio"/> Coughing  | <input type="radio"/> Looking up   | <input type="radio"/> Laying Down | <input type="radio"/> Household chores |
| <input type="radio"/> Standing | <input type="radio"/> Lifting  | <input type="radio"/> Straining | <input type="radio"/> Looking down | <input type="radio"/> Driving     | <input type="radio"/> Exercise         |
| <input type="radio"/> Walking  | <input type="radio"/> Sleeping | <input type="radio"/> Reaching  | <input type="radio"/> Movement     | <input type="radio"/> Typing      | <input type="radio"/> Stair Stepping   |
| <input type="radio"/> Bending  | <input type="radio"/> Sneezing | <input type="radio"/> Twisting  | <input type="radio"/> Rest         | <input type="radio"/> Scooping    | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____     |

8.) What relieves your symptoms? (Please check all that apply)

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Sitting     | <input type="radio"/> Knees Bent | <input type="radio"/> Movement            | <input type="radio"/> Heat             | <input type="radio"/> Medicine                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Standing    | <input type="radio"/> Support    | <input type="radio"/> Not Moving          | <input type="radio"/> Ice              | <input type="radio"/> Chiropractic Adjustments |
| <input type="radio"/> Laying Down | <input type="radio"/> Rest       | <input type="radio"/> Stretching/Exercise | <input type="radio"/> Topical Solution |  |

9.) Have you seen any other health care provider for this condition?  
 Yes                       No                      Name of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

10.) Have you ever been to a chiropractor before?  
 Yes                       No                      If Yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you have more than one area of complaint (i.e. both low back pain and neck pain), please complete the next page for the additional complaints.\*\***

1.) What is the secondary reason for coming to our office today? \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Please indicate the average intensity of your symptoms by marking an 'X' on the line where appropriate.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_