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TELEMEDICINE PATIENT CONSENT FORM

Telemedicine, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, is “the use of telecommunications and information technology to provide access to health assessment, diagnosis, intervention, consultation, supervision and information across distance.” There are multiple criteria (video face-to-face consultation, for example) for both patient and provider to fulfill in order for a consultation to be deemed an appropriate Telemedicine visit.

The Texas Medical Board and Texas government is recommending for certain healthcare visits the use of telemedicine.

We are unsure how individual insurance companies, including Medicare and commercial, will be covering the Telemedicine consultations. While we want to continue providing quality health care to all our patients, we also need to pay our bills and employees. Therefore, we are requesting Asthma and Allergy Center patients acknowledge the following:

1. I understand that all federal and Texas state laws protecting the privacy and confidentiality of medical information also apply to telemedicine.
2. Video conferencing with your provider will be through the HIPAA compliant telemedicine service provider Doxy.me.
3. My healthcare provider has explained to me how the video conferencing technology will be used and that the visit may not be the same as a direct patient/health care provider visit due to the fact that I will not be in the same room as my health care provider.
4. I understand there are potential risks to this technology, including interruptions, unauthorized access and technical difficulties.
5. I understand that my healthcare provider or I can discontinue the telemedicine consult/visit and future telemedicine visits at any time. I understand that withdrawal of my telemedicine consent will not affect my future care nor treatment with this company.
6. I understand that certain procedures such as a complete physical exam, allergy testing, or pulmonary function testing cannot be performed via telemedicine.
7. I understand my health care provider may feel the telemedicine discussion may not be adequate and may request an actual visit to the office for more detailed consultation and examination. If that is so, I will only be charged for the in-office consultation.
8. I understand that my insurance may not pay for this telemedicine service, even if my provider feels this is a healthcare treatment option I need.
9. I understand that I will be required to pay the applicable co-pay for the visit. However, if this visit is deemed as not part of my insurance benefits, I understand that I am responsible for the office cash-price fee of

\$50 as an already established patient of the practice. If I am a new patient, the cash-price will be **\$150**.

My Responsibilities:

1. I understand that I must be physically within the state of Texas(including off-shore State waters) to be eligible for telemedicine and that my healthcare provider can send prescriptions for medications only to Texaspharmacies or addresses. My provider will not be sending narcotic medications through a telemedicine-based consultation.
2. I will not record any telemedicine session without written consent from the Asthma and Allergy Center. My healthcare provider will not record any telemedicine session without my written consent
3. I will inform my healthcare provider as soon as my session begins if there are any other surrounding people that are listening or watching the session. If there are surrounding people that will stay for the session, I am giving my consent for them to listen in on my medical care.
4. I will notify my healthcare provider if there is any point in the consultation that my equipment fails and I am unable to have clear audio.

In signing my consent below, I certify:

- That I have read or had this form read and/or had this form explained to me
- That I fully understand its contents including the risks and benefits of the procedure(s)
- That I have been given ample opportunity to ask questions and that any questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Patient's/parent/guardian signature

Date