

PHYSICIAN-PATIENT ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Article 1: Agreement to Arbitrate: It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, that is as to whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by Arizona law, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process except as Arizona law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of binding arbitration.

Article 2: All Claims Must Be Arbitrated: It is the intention of the parties that this agreement shall cover all existing or subsequent claims or controversies whether in tort, contract or otherwise, and shall bind all parties whose claims may arise out of or in any way relate to treatment or services provided or not provided by the below identified physician, medical group or association, their partners, associates, associations, corporations, partnerships, employees, agents, clinics, and/or providers (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Physician") to a patient, including any spouse or heirs of the patient and any children, whether born or unborn, at the time of the occurrence giving rise to any claim. In the case of any pregnant mother, the term "patient" herein shall mean both the mother and the mother's expected child or children.

Filing by Physician of any action in any court by the physician to collect any fee from the patient shall not waive the right to compel arbitration of any malpractice claim. However, following the assertion of any claim against a Physician, including any fee dispute, whether or not the subject of any existing court action shall also be resolved by arbitration.

Article 3: Procedures and Applicable Law: A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to all parties, describing the claim against Physician, the amount of damages sought, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the patient, and (if applicable) his/her attorney. The parties shall thereafter select an arbitrator who was previously a court judge. Both parties agree the arbitration shall be governed pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 12-1501-12-1518 and the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C 1-4), and that they have the absolute right to arbitrate separately the issues of liability and damages upon written request to the arbitrator. The parties shall bear their own costs, fees and expenses, along with a pro rata share of the neutral arbitrator's fees and expenses.

Article 4: Revocation: This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to Physician within 30 days of signature and if not revoked will govern all medical services received by the patient.

Article 5: Severability Provision: In the event any provision(s) of this Agreement is declared void and/or unenforceable, such provision(s) shall be deemed severed there from and the remainder of the Agreement enforced in accordance with Arizona and federal law.

I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this agreement. By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL. SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.

_____ INITIAL HERE TO INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE DOCUMENT TITLED
"A BRIEF LOOK AT ARBITRATION FOR THE PATIENT."

By: _____
Physician or Duly Authorized (Date)
Representative Signature

By: _____
Patient's Signature (Date)

By: _____
Print or Stamp Name of Physician,
Medical Group or Association Name

By: _____
Print Patient's Name

By: _____
Signature of Translator (Date)
(if applicable)

By: _____
Patient's Representative's Signature (Date)

Print Name of Translator

Print Name and Relationship to Patient

A signed copy of this document is to be given to the patient. The Original is to be filed in Patient's medical records.