

Bluegrass Dermatology Office Policies Consent Form

Patient Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Chart Number: _____

The following is a review of our office policies. Please review and sign below.

PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY: The patient is responsible for all insurance deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance on the day of service (subject to plan limitation, and exclusions).

PAYMENT OPTIONS: We accept CASH, CHECK, VISA, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS, MASTERCARD, CARECREDIT, MONEY ORDERS, and CASHIERS CHECKS. You can apply for CareCredit in our office today. All balances that are not paid within the first 30 days are subject to being transferred to an outside collection agency.

INSURANCE POLICIES THAT REQUIRE A REFERRAL FROM THE PCP: Some insurance plans require a referral from the patient's primary care provider (PCP). The PCP will need to initiate the referral by contacting the insurance company. It is the patient's responsibility to make sure this has been done prior to each appointment date. Otherwise, the patient is responsible for ALL charges.

NETWORK PROVIDERS: It is your responsibility to know if your physician is considered "in network" with your insurance policy. Some insurance companies change their policy administrator. We encourage you to confirm in network status with our office each time you receive a new copy of your insurance card or contact your insurance company.

MEDICAID NON-PARTICIPATION POLICY: Our physicians are not participating Medicaid providers and Medicaid does not cover services provided by our physicians. Similarly, Medicaid does not cover items or services ordered by our physicians such as, but not limited to, prescription medications, lab work, outside pathology services, diagnostic testing, etc. **Medicaid recipients are responsible for payment of services provided and/or ordered by our physicians.**

COSMETIC AND SELF-PAY SERVICES: Cosmetic removal of benign lesion(s) such as skin tags, age spots, and normal moles is considered a cosmetic procedure. Bluegrass Dermatology does not bill insurance companies for cosmetic procedures. The patient is responsible for the full cost of the procedure. **All cosmetic and self-pay visits are due at check in on the date of service.**

TREATMENT FEES: Treatment fees are estimates only and could be altered if your treatment plan needs to be changed. The patient would be notified of any change(s) in treatment.

CANCELLATION FEE: There is a \$25 fee assessed if you fail to cancel or reschedule an appointment at least 24 hours prior to your appointment or if you no-show the appointment.

TREATMENT OF MINORS: Minors under the age of 18 will receive medical care and/or treatment with a parent, legal guardian or an authorized accompanying adult only. Minors under 18, who are not accompanied, will not be seen.

PRESCRIPTION REFILL POLICY: Our physicians prescribe their patients sufficient refills to last until their next follow-up appointment; therefore, we are unable to refill prescriptions by telephone. Patients should contact their Pharmacy if refills are needed prior to their next follow-up appointment.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Bluegrass Dermatology occasionally will need to prescribe a controlled substance for patient's physical complaints/pain, as part of their medical treatment. Because of Kentucky's prescription drug law, we will submit patient information to obtain a report (Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (eKASPER) prior to prescribing any controlled substances to a patient.

LABORATORY FACILITIES: All surgical pathology and other lab specimens are submitted to outside laboratories for processing and analysis. The patient may receive a separate bill from the laboratory that processes and tests specimens. It is the patient's responsibility to let us know if your insurance company requires that we send your labs to a specific pathologist in order for you to receive full benefits.

PATIENT Signature (or Parent/Guardian or POA): _____ Date: _____

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HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Consent Form

Patient Name: _____ **Date of Birth** _____ **Chart #** _____

As required by the **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996**, this practice may use your health information for the purposes of treatment, payment, or health care operations. The specific uses and disclosures that we intend to make are described in our Notice of Information Practices. You have the right to review the Notice of Information Practices prior to signing this consent form. You may request restrictions on the uses and disclosures described in the Notice of Information Practices by describing the restrictions in the "restriction request" section of this form. You may revoke this consent at any time by signing and dating the revocation section on your copy of the form and returning it to this office.

- I authorize the release of medical information to my primary care or referring physician, to consultants if needed and as necessary to process insurance claims, insurance applications and prescriptions. I also authorize payment of medical benefits to the physician.
- **Acknowledgement of Receipt of Privacy Practices:** I acknowledge the practice has a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices which provides a detailed description of the uses and disclosures allowed, as well as other rights I have regarding my protected health information, and that I can obtain a copy per request.
- **Consent to Treat:** I hereby authorize examination and treatment by Bluegrass Dermatology. I authorize the release of any medical information necessary to process claims to insurance carriers (and/or the Social Security Administration/CMS or intermediaries). I permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original. All information gathered will remain confidential by our HIPAA policy.

CONSENT: I hereby consent to the use and disclosure of my personal health information for the purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations. My signature below indicates that I have been given an opportunity to read the Notice of Information Practices and to have any questions answered before signing.

- I understand that I may request restrictions on the uses and disclosure of my health information at any time by completing and signing the restriction request section of this form. I further understand that the practice is not required to accept my restriction request.
- I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by signing the revocation section of my copy of this form and returning it to this practice. I further understand that any such a revocation does not apply to the extent that persons authorized to use or disclose my health information have already acted in reliance on this consent.
- Is there anyone (i.e. spouse, parent, guardian or family member) you authorize us to share any medical information with, if you are not available? YES NO

- If yes, please provide their name & contact information below:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

RESTRICTION REQUEST SECTION *If you do NOT want the physicians or staff at Bluegrass Dermatology to leave test result; appointment; or billing/account information on your personal voicemail, please make note in the Restriction detail below.**

I hereby request the following restrictions on the uses and disclosures of my health information (please describe the requested restrictions in detail):

* If you are over 18 years of age and under your parent's insurance policy, please check the box: []

Signature of Responsible Party: _____ Date: _____