

Surgicore, LLC
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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION AND PAY FACILITY/ANESTHESIOLOGIST DIRECTLY

1. I authorize Surgicore, LLC to release to appropriate third parties such information as may be necessary, including my diagnosis, and other information from my medical records for the purpose of processing my facility and/or Anesthesia claims(s) ("bills").
2. I authorize all health insurance payments for services rendered to be sent directly to Surgicore, LLC and/or the Anesthesiologist; these amounts shall not exceed the balance of the facility and/or anesthesiologist's charges for these services. This is a direct assignment of my insurance policy.
3. I understand that I am financially responsible to the facility/anesthesiologist for all charges not covered by insurance. I understand that I or my insurance company may receive more than one charge originating from different sources for this procedure. For example, separate fees may originate in addition to the physician's fee and will be billed separately (i.e. radiology, anesthesiology, facilities, and laboratory fees).
4. I acknowledge that the insurance information I have provided is accurate and true.
5. I understand that in the event of an emergency or the need for extended care; I may be transferred to a hospital, or may need to seek treatment at an Emergency Room, Rehab Facility or LTC Provider. In any case, I authorize Surgicore, LLC to obtain a copy of my medical record so as to provide the Center with appropriate follow-up information.
6. I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act is correct and I authorize Surgicore, LLC and/or the Anesthesiologist to release to the Medicare Bureau, CMS, and/or its intermediaries or carriers any information about me needed for this claim including any medical information relating to my treatment.
7. I understand that I should not bring any valuables to the surgery center and that the surgery center is not liable for the theft or loss of any valuables.
8. I understand that the Physician who is rendering services has an ownership interest in Surgicore, LLC and that I have the option to be treated at another facility. I wish to be treated at the above reference facility.
9. A copy of the Patient's Rights and Responsibilities has been offered to me or to my representative.
10. A copy of the HIPAA Notice of Privacy for the Center has been offered to me or to my representative.
11. I understand that with the exception of local anesthesia, a patient's representative must be present to drive me home from the center after surgery and whose care I will be under for the next 24 hours.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WAIVER

12. I acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity at least 24 hours in advance of my admission to review facility's policy regarding Advance Directives published on the facility's website.
13. Some of the procedures and medications used during your surgery could be similar to procedures and medications specified in Advance Directives. Therefore to insure the best possible care during your surgery you MUST waive your Advance Directives during your admission to the center.
14. I acknowledge that all resuscitative measures will be taken during my stay at the center and I further understand that if I have ever signed an "Advance Directive", I temporarily waive it in it's entirety for the duration of my visit at the surgery center.

By signing here, I agree to all 14 (fourteen) authorizations on this page.

PATIENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PATIENT/GUARDIAN/REPRESENTATIVE
(If patient is unable or too young to sign)

RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT

PRINT NAME

WITNESS

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PIP Ledger

I, _____, hereby authorize SURGICORE, LLC to obtain a
PIP Ledger from my insurance company, on my behalf, in order to seek benefits information.

Patient signature: _____

Date: _____

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS & AUTHORIZATION
TO PURSUE APPEAL AND/OR DENIAL OF PIP BENEFITS

_____ [Patient Name]

_____ [Insurer]

_____ [Claim #]

In consideration of the professional services rendered by Surgicore, LLC ("Health Care Provider") I, hereby irrevocably direct, authorize, assign and consent to the following:

- 1) The assignment of my rights to bill, collect, appeal and/or arbitrate my claims for PIP insurance benefits with regard to the above-captioned claim to Health Care Provider, including but not limited to surgical facility fees, supplies, primary physician, assistant, anesthesia, and any other fees related to my claims.
- 2) The authorization of Health Care Provider to act as my agent-in-fact with regard to all aspects regarding the above-captioned claim and to receive any and all communications regarding the claim and any appeals or arbitration of the denial of my claim.
- 3) The authorization of Health Care Provider to initiate and prosecute any and all appeals and/or arbitrations or legal actions on the denial of my claim, including but not limited to internal appeals with the insurer as well as NAF PIP arbitrations.
- 4) The authorization of Health Care Provider to obtain and/or disclose any Private Health Information as contemplated by HIPAA limited to my claim for insurance benefits and any appeal there from. I have signed a separate HIPAA authorization in this regard.
- 5) The authorization of Health Care Provider to file a complaint with regard to any denial of my claim(s) with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, as well as any other governmental agency with jurisdiction over my claim and/or the insurer.
- 6) The authorization for payment of any and all PIP insurance benefits directly to Health Care Provider to which I might be entitled under the above-captioned claim.

PATIENT:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

WITNESS:

Signature: _____

Original on file

Notice of Facility Lien

PATIENT : _____

DATE OF ACCIDENT : _____

I do hereby authorize Surgicore, LLC to furnish you, my attorney, with a full report of his/her examination, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, etc. of myself in regard to the accident in which I was recently involved.

I hereby authorize and direct you, my attorney, to pay directly to said facility such sums as may be due and owing said facility for medical service rendered to me both by reason of this accident and by reason of any other bills that are due the facility and to withhold such sums from any settlement, judgment, or verdict as may be necessary to adequately protect and fully compensate said facility. And, I hereby further give a lien on my case to said facility against any and all proceeds of my settlement, judgment, or verdict which may be paid to you, my attorney, or myself, as a result of the injuries for which I have been treated or injuries in connection therewith.

I fully understand that I am directly and fully responsible to said facility for all medical bills submitted by said facility for services rendered to me and that this agreement is made solely for said facility's additional protection and in consideration of the facility awaiting payment. And I further understand that such payment is not contingent on any settlement, judgment or verdict by which I may eventually recover said fee.

I agree to promptly notify said facility of any change or addition of attorney(s) used by me in connection with this accident; and I instruct my attorney to do the same and to promptly deliver a copy of this lien to any such substituted or added attorney(s).

Please acknowledge this letter by signing below and returning to the facility. I have been advised that if my attorney does not wish to cooperate in protecting the facility's interest, the facility will not await payment but may declare the entire balance due and payable.

Dated: _____

CLIENT

The undersigned being attorney of record for the above patient does hereby agree to observe all the terms of the above and agrees to withhold such sums from any settlement, judgment, or verdict, as may be necessary to adequately protect and fully compensate said facility above-named. Attorney further agrees that in the event this lien is litigated that the prevailing party will be awarded attorney's fees and costs.

Dated: _____

ATTORNEY

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ADVANCE DIRECTIVE-LIVING WILLS

Do you have an Advance Directive or Living Will? Yes No

If yes, do you have a copy with you? Yes No

If no, who has a copy? Name: _____ Phone #: _____

New Jersey State law mandates that all health care facilities ask the patient whether he/she has an Advance Directive or Living Will. Medicare has also asked ambulatory surgical centers to provide the patient or the patient's representative with information concerning its policies on advance directives prior to the procedure, including a description of applicable state health and safety laws and, if requested, official state advance directive forms.

If you have an Advance Directive or Living Will, please bring a copy of it with you to the center on the day of your surgery.

An Advance Directive or Living Will is used by an individual to indicate their voluntary, informed choice of accepting, rejecting, or choosing among alternative courses of medical treatment.

An Advance Directive or Living Will is a document which allows you to give written instruction to those caring for you indicating the type of health care you would wish to receive or reject in the event you become unable to express these decisions yourself.

There are three different types of Advance Directives:

- 1. A Proxy directive:**
This is a document in which a competent adult names a trusted relative or friend to make health care decisions on his/her behalf when he/she is unable to make these decisions.
- 2. An Instruction Directive:**
In this document, the person writing it provides written instructions concerning the type of medical treatment they want or do not want performed for them and under what circumstances.
- 3. A Combined Directive:**
In this document, a competent adult state his/her general wishes regarding the kind of health care he/she wishes to receive, but appoints a trusted relative or friend to carry them out.

A brochure containing Living Will information is available from the Division of Aging. If you wish to receive the brochure, please make your request to the center or request this information from the address below:

The Division of Aging
101 South Broad Street
CN 807
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS NOT THE POLICY OF THE SURGICAL CENTER TO ACKNOWLEDGE ADVANCE DIRECTIVES IN THE CENTER. IF YOU WISH AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WILL BE PLACED IN YOUR CHART TO BE USED IN EVENT OF A TRANSFER TO A HOSPITAL WHERE YOUR ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

X _____
PATIENT SIGNATURE

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION

I, _____, certify that I have no means of transportation for my scheduled procedure at this facility. At this time, I required transportation services from Surgicore, LLC in order to undergo my surgery.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SURGICORE, LLC

PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
PLEASE SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND BRING IT WITH YOU ON YOUR ADMISSION DATE.

I acknowledge being given a copy of the Patient Bill of Rights enforced at Surgicore, LLC prior to my date of admission. I have read the Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. I was asked to bring this document, signed by me, to the surgical center on the date of my admission.

I understand that if I have executed an Advance Directive, I should bring it with me on the date of my admission. HOWEVER, I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT IF I HAVE EVER SIGNED AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE I MUST WAIVE IT, IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR THE DURATION OF MY VISIT TO THE SURGERY CENTER. I acknowledge, I have been informed of this policy prior to my admission to the surgery center.

I further understand that my physician may have a financial interest or ownership in the Surgical Center and I may choose to have my procedure or surgery done at another facility. I acknowledge that I have been informed of this prior to my date of admission.

I also understand if I do not bring this document, signed by me, on the date of my admission, I will be asked to sign a replacement.

X

PATIENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PROGRESSIVE-HUDSON ANESTHESIA, LLC

P.O. Box 1658, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Assignment of Benefits Form

Financial Responsibility

All professional services rendered are charges to the patient and are due at the time of service, unless the patient has insurance of some type or other self-pay arrangements have been made in advance with our business office. Necessary registration forms will be completed to file for insurance carrier payments.

Assignment of Benefits

I hereby assign all medical and surgical benefits, to include major medical benefits to which I am entitled. I hereby authorized and direct my insurance carrier(s), including Medicare, private insurance and any other health, medical, Personal Injury, or Worker's Compensation plan, to issue payment check(s) directly to **Progressive-Hudson Anesthesia, LLC** for medical services rendered to myself and/or my dependents regardless of my insurance benefits, if any. I understand that I am responsible for any amount not covered by insurance.

Authorization to Release Information

I hereby authorized **Progressive-Hudson Anesthesia, LLC** to: (1) release any information necessary to insurance carriers regarding my illness and treatments; (2) process insurance claims generated in the course of examination or treatment; and (3) allow a photocopy of my signature to be used to process insurance claims for the period of lifetime. This order will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

I have requested medical services from **Progressive-Hudson Anesthesia, LLC** on behalf of myself and/or my dependents, and understand that by making this request, I become fully financially responsible for any and all charges incurred in the course of the treatment authorized.

I will cooperate to the full extent necessary to permit **Progressive-Hudson Anesthesia, LLC** to receive and collect payment(s) from my insurance carrier. If the insurance carrier sends payments directly to me I will sign over and forward this and any future payments received in full to **Progressive-Hudson Anesthesia, LLC** for payment of services rendered. Any attempt by me to not cooperate or abscond with these payments will result in collection efforts and/or derogatory reports to my credit report, and may include formal legal suit, the charges of which will be added to the original insurance payment(s) received.

A photocopy of this assignment is to be considered as valid as the original.

Patient/Responsible Party Signature

Date

Witness

Date

SURGICORE POLICY: PATIENTS' RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Patients at *Surgicore, LLC* have the following rights by State and Federal law and regulations. It is the responsibility of all employees to ensure that the patients' rights are complied with. Patients are given a copy of the patients' rights prior to the procedure. The Patient's rights are also posted in the Waiting Room in the Center.

The patient or his/her representative (if applicable) has the right to:

- o Be informed of these rights, as evidenced by the patient's written acknowledgement, or by documentation by staff in the medical record that the patient was offered a written copy of these rights and given a written or verbal explanation of these rights, in terms the patient or the patient representative could understand, in advance of the date of the procedure, unless the referral to the Ambulatory Surgical Center for surgery is made on that same date; and the referring physician indicates, in writing, that it is medically necessary for the patient to have the surgery on the same day, and that surgery in an Ambulatory Surgical Center setting is suitable for that patient. In such situations the Ambulatory Surgical Center must provide the required notice prior to obtaining the patient's informed consent.
- o The Center must protect and promote the exercise of such rights. The facility shall have a means to notify patients of any rules and regulations it has adopted governing patient conduct in the facility.
- o Be informed, where applicable, of physician financial interests or ownership in the Ambulatory Surgical Center facility. Disclosure of information must be in writing and furnished to the patient in advance of the date of the procedure, unless the referral to the Ambulatory Surgical Center for surgery is made on that same date; and the referring physician indicates, in writing, that it is medically necessary for the patient to have the surgery on the same day, and that surgery in an Ambulatory Surgical Center setting is suitable for that patient. In such situations the Ambulatory Surgical Center must provide the required notice prior to obtaining the patient's informed consent.
- o Be provided, in advance of the date of the procedure with information concerning its policies on advance directives, including a description of applicable State health and safety laws, and if requested, official State Advance Directive forms, unless the referral to the Ambulatory Surgical Center for surgery is made on that same date; and the referring physician indicates, in writing, that it is medically necessary for the patient to have the surgery on the same day, and that surgery in an Ambulatory Surgical Center setting is suitable for that patient. In such situations the Ambulatory Surgical Center must provide the required notice prior to obtaining the patient's informed consent.
- o Documentation in a prominent part of the patient's current medical record, whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive.
- o Be informed of services available in the facility, of the names and professional status of the personnel providing and/or responsible for the patient's care, and of fees and related charges, including the payment, fee, deposit, and refund policy of the facility and any charges for services not covered by sources of third-party payment or not covered by the facility's basic rate.
- o Be informed if the facility has authorized other health care and educational institutions to participate in the patient's treatment. The patient also shall have a right to know the identity and function of these institutions, and to refuse to allow their participation in the patient's treatment and to change physicians if he or she so wishes.
- o Receive from the patient's physician(s) or clinical practitioner(s), in terms that the patient understands, an explanation of his or her complete medical/health condition or diagnosis, recommended treatment, treatment options, including the option of no treatment, risk(s) of treatment, and expected result(s)/outcome(s). This shall occur prior to any treatment being performed. If this information would be detrimental to the patient's health, or if the patient is not capable of understanding the information, the explanation shall be provided to the patient's next of kin or guardian. This release of information to the next of kin or guardian, along with the reason for not informing the patient directly, shall be documented in the patient's medical record.
- o Receive as soon as possible, the services of a translator or interpreter if you need one to help you communicate with the Center's health care personnel free of charge.
- o Make informed decisions regarding care.
- o Participate in the planning of the patient's care and treatment, and to refuse medication and treatment. Such refusal shall be documented in the patient's medical record.
- o Change primary or specialty physicians if other qualified physicians are available.
- o Continuity of health care. The physician may not discontinue treatment of a patient as long as further treatment is medically indicated, without giving the patient sufficient opportunity to make alternative arrangements.
- o Be included in experimental research only when the patient gives informed, written consent to such participation, or when a guardian gives such consent for an incompetent patient in accordance with law, rule and regulation. The patient may refuse to participate in experimental research, including the investigation of new drugs and medical devices.
- o Voice grievances or recommend changes in policies and services to facility personnel, the governing authority and /or outside representatives of the patient's choice either individually or as a group, and free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal.
- o Use the grievance procedure to document the existence, submission, investigation, and disposition of a written or verbal grievance to the Center.
- o Documentation by the Center of all alleged violation/grievances relating, but not limited to, mistreatment, neglect, verbal, mental, sexual, or physical abuse.
- o Have all allegations reported to the person in authority of the Center.
- o Have substantiated allegations reported to the State authority or the local authority, or both.
- o Be provided with timeframes for review of the grievance and the provisions of a response.
- o Voice grievances and to investigation of all grievances made regarding treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished.
- o Written notice of the Centers decision which must contain the name of a facility contact person, the steps taken to investigate the grievance, the results of the grievance process, and the date the grievance process was completed.
- o Exercise his/her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.
- o Be fully informed about a treatment or procedure and the expected outcome before it is performed.

- o Have the person appointed under State law to act on the patient's behalf if the patient is adjudged incompetent under applicable State health and safety laws by a court of proper jurisdiction.
- o Be free from mental and physical abuse, free from exploitation, and free from use of restraints unless they are authorized by a physician for a limited period of time to protect the patient or others from injury. Drugs and other medications shall not be used for discipline of patients or for convenience of facility personnel.
- o Appropriate assessment and management of pain. To education, including education for the patient's significant others (if applicable), regarding pain and symptom management in the discharge planning process; To expect and receive appropriate assessment, management and treatment of pain as an integral component of that person's care.
- o Information regarding credentials of healthcare professionals.
- o Confidential treatment of information about the patient. Information in the patient's medical record shall not be released to anyone outside the facility without the patient's approval, unless another health care facility to which the patient was transferred requires the information, or unless the release of the information is required and permitted by law, a third-party payment contract, or a peer review, or unless the information is needed by the New Jersey State Department of Health for statutorily authorized purposes. The facility may release data about the patient for studies containing aggregated statistics when the patient's identity is masked.
- o Be treated with courtesy, consideration, respect, and recognition of the patient's dignity, individuality, and right to privacy, including, but not limited to, auditory and visual privacy. The patient's privacy shall also be respected when facility personnel are discussing the patient.
- o Privacy and security of individually identifiable health information.
- o Receive care in a safe setting and be free from all forms of abuse or harassment.
- o Not be required to perform work for the facility unless the work is part of the patient's treatment and is performed voluntarily by the patient. Such work shall be in accordance with local, State, and Federal laws and rules.
- o Exercise civil and religious liberties, including the right to independent personal decisions. No religious beliefs or practices, or any attendance at religious services, shall be imposed upon any patient; and
- o Not be discriminated against because of age, race, religion, sex, nationality, or ability to pay, or deprived of any constitutional, civil, and or legal rights solely because of receiving services from the facility.
- o Have his/her rights exercised by the person appointed under State law to act on the patient's behalf, if a patient is adjudged incompetent under applicable State health and safety laws by a court of proper jurisdiction. If a State court has not adjudged a patient incompetent, any legal representative designated by the patient in accordance with State law may exercise the patient's rights to the extent allowed by State law.
- o The Administrator shall provide all patients and/or their families upon request with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the following offices where complaints may be lodged:

The Office of Acute Care Assessment and Survey
 Division of Health Facilities Evaluation and Licensing
 New Jersey State Department of Health
 P.O. Box 358
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0358
 Telephone: (800) 792-9770; (609) 292-9900.....

Choose Option 2 for Surgical Centers,
 then speak with Complaint Investigator of the Day

State of New Jersey
 Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly
 P.O. Box 852
 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0852
 Telephone 1-877-582-6995
 Medicare Ombudsman
www.cms.hhs.gov/Center/ombudsman.asp

The Administrator shall also provide all patients and or families upon request with the names and telephone numbers of offices where information concerning Medicare and Medicaid coverage may be obtained. Medicare Service Center Hotline: 800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Report Medicare Fraud & Abuse: 800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477). Website: www.cms.hhs.gov/ContactCMS

Addresses and telephone numbers shall be conspicuously posted throughout the facility, including, but not limited to, the admissions waiting area or room, the patient service area of the business, office and other public areas. The Center needs the cooperation of its patients to ensure that efficient, safe and considerate care is available to all patients.

Patients are responsible for:

- a. Providing physicians, Center personnel and healthcare providers with complete and accurate information about their medical history and complete and accurate information related to their condition and care.
- b. Informing healthcare providers about all the medications they are taking as well as over-the counter products, herbal remedies, and dietary supplements.
- c. Adhering to the treatment plans recommended by their doctors.
- d. Arranging for a responsible adult to take them home and remain with them for 24 hours if required by their physician.
- e. Telling his/her doctor about any living will, power of attorney, or other advanced directives.
- f. Being respectful of healthcare professionals, staff members, and other patients.
- g. Being responsible for medical consequences, which result from refusing treatment or not following instructions of physicians and Surgery Center personnel.
- h. Being considerate of the Center's staff that is committed to excellence in patient care.
- i. Supplying insurance information and paying bills promptly so that the Center can continue to serve its patients effectively.
- j. Agreeing to pay any expenses not covered by his/her insurance.
- k. Ensuring that they don't bring any valuables to the facility because the facility will not be responsible for any lost or stolen articles. Patients will be assigned a locker with a key to keep their belongings. The key will be kept with your file through the duration of your visit.