



NOTICE OF PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR NO REFERRAL

In benefit plans that require the issuance of referrals for specialist care, the primary care physician is responsible for coordinating his/her patients' health care. If it is necessary for the patient to see a specialist, other than for direct access services of emergency care, the primary care physician must issue a referral prior to the patient's visit to the specialist. The referral must be for covered benefits under the plan.

If you visit a specialist without a referral, depending on your plan type, you may be responsible for payment for all services rendered or for paying a deductible and coinsurance. You should not return to your primary care physician to request a referral after the service is rendered; primary care physicians cannot issue retroactive referrals.

The referral is not a guarantee of payment. Payment is subject to eligibility on date of service, plan benefits, limitations and exclusions, pre-existing condition limitations, and patient liability under the plan.

I have read the above and understand that I may be liable for any service rendered that is not covered due to not having a referral. This includes any service in which my plan is primary and/or secondary to an auto accident. I understand that I may be billed for my deductible and/or coinsurance applied by that insurance and my current insurance will not cover without a referral.

PATIENT NAME (PRINT)

PATIENT SIGNATURE

DATE _____