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PATIENT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

It is the responsibility of our insured patients to be aware of any restrictions or requirements stated in their insurance policy. These include deductibles, second opinions, policy exclusions or waived benefits, pre-certification, inpatient vs. outpatient benefits and restrictions regarding pre-existing conditions.

As a COURTESY, our office policy is to contact your insurance company for pre-authorization. However, a pre-authorization issued by your insurance company simply means that they agree that your office visit, medication, surgery, physical therapy or orthotics is medically necessary, though they can reverse this decision once the claim is received. This is a standard disclaimer that all insurance companies tell us when we obtain prior authorization for your medical need. What this means is that:

Prior-authorization or pre-certification does NOT guarantee payment from your insurance company. The patient is ultimately responsible.

Your insurance benefits and the payment we receive are determined by the limits that your insurance carrier sets.

It is your responsibility to be aware of your benefits and limits.

A deposit may be required, if you have not met your deductible or out of pocket expense.

Also, for those patients requiring pre-operative testing, such as blood work, EKG, chest x-ray, etc... these tests may not be approved by your insurance (such as Medicare) and therefore, may not be covered by your insurance. You will be responsible if this applies to you.

By signing below, I understand that I am responsible for the charges not covered by my insurance.

PRINT PATIENT'S NAME

PATIENT/GUARANTOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE