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CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

CONSENT TO CARE: I wish to be treated by and/or admitted to a Medical Center of the Hackensack Meridian Health Network at the Medical Center named above (JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER). While I am a patient, I give permission to my doctor(s), medical center employees, and all other caregivers to provide care in ways they judge are beneficial to me. I understand that this care may include tests, examinations and medical treatments. I understand that Hackensack Meridian Health includes teaching medical centers and that under the appropriate supervision, medical students, fellows and medical residents of Rutgers University, Hackensack Meridian Health, or other teaching affiliates may participate in my care and treatment. Rutgers University medical students, fellows and medical residents are students and/or employees of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey. I understand that no guarantees have been or can be made to me about the outcome of the care that I receive. I hereby authorize the medical center to preserve, use and /or transfer for scientific and/or teaching purposes, or dispose of any specimens or tissues taken from my body during my treatment or admission and hereby waive any claim or right I may have in such specimens or tissues.

INDEPENDENT PHYSICIANS: I understand and agree that: (i) the physicians who participate in my care and treatment at the medical center are independent contractors or private practitioners who have been granted the privilege of using medical center facilities for the care and treatment of their patients; (ii) these physicians are <u>not</u> the agent or employee of the medical center and (iii) the medical center is <u>not</u> in any way responsible for the judgement or conduct of any physicians providing medical services at the medical centers. While physicians who practice at the medical center must be admitted to the staff and continue to meet certain educational and experience requirements, I agree that the medical center is not responsible for the care provided to me by them.

- 1. **PATIENT RIGHTS**: Information regarding Advance Directives and the New Jersey Patient Bill of Rights is available on our website at www.hackensackmeridian.org and can be found under the "Patients and Visitors" tab.
- 2. **PERSONAL VALUABLES:** I understand that the medical center and its employees are not responsible for the loss of, or damage to, any money, articles or personal property. I acknowledge that these items should be sent home with family and friends. I accept full responsibility for any items that I keep in my possession and waive any claim that I may have if they are lost or damaged.
- 3. RELEASE OF INFORMATION: The medical center may use or disclose all or part of my financial and medical information, as permitted under applicable law. I agree that the medical center may verify my address through a database search of the Federal Credit Reporting System and may be required to release my information to federal and state agencies that monitor healthcare facilities, as well as to industries that produce and/or manufacture medical products. I consent to the release of my name, general condition and room telephone number when requested. The medical center may provide access to my medical information in order to facilitate the provision of post hospital care treatment or services, as well as in connection with the medical center's efforts to obtain payment. I can access additional information regarding the medical center's privacy policies at https://www.hackensackmeridianhealth.org/hipaa.-.privacy-practices/
- 4. PRE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: I understand that my health insurance policy or benefits program (i.e., Medicare) may include certain conditions concerning pre-certification and provision of care by in-network providers and if I do not comply with those conditions, I may be responsible for charges that otherwise might be covered by my insurance. I agree to pay such charges.
- 5. **ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS:** I authorize my insurance benefits to be paid directly to the medical center. Under the terms of my policy this payment may not exceed the balance due for services performed during this period or treatment. I further authorize the medical center to appeal on my behalf any denial by my insurance carrier.
- 6. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT: When billed, I agree to make prompt payment to the medical center for all charges not paid by my insurance or benefits program, to the fullest extent permitted by law. I understand that in addition to my bill from the medical center, I will receive separate bills from physicians for professional services (i.e., anesthesia, emergency services, pathology, radiology, etc.). I authorize payment directly to my physicians for benefits otherwise payable to me for such services. I understand that (i) these separate physician charges may not be covered, in whole or in part, by my insurance or benefits program, and (ii) physicians providing treatment may not participate with my insurance or benefits program. Regardless, I agree that I am financially responsible for all medical center and physician charges not paid by my insurance or benefits program. I understand that I should call my insurance company or benefits program if I have questions about insurance coverage.

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- 7. DEPOSIT REQUEST: A deposit may be requested of me because I will be paying for all and/or part of the medical center bill. The medical center's acceptance of partial payment does not relieve me of responsibility for the full amount.
- 8. NEW JERSEY HOSPITAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: I understand that I may access Charity Care, Medicaid, and NJ Family Care. Information is available at www.hackensackmeridian.org on the "Pay a Bill" FAQ page or I can call the Hackensack Meridian Financial Assistance Offices at the phone numbers indicated on the referenced website
- 9. MEDICARE PAYMENT REQUEST: I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act is correct. I authorize any holder of medical or other information about me to release to the Social Security Administration or its intermediaries or carriers any information needed for this or a related Medicare claim. I request that direct payment of authorized benefits be made on my behalf. I assign benefits payable for physician services to the physician or organization furnishing the services or authorize such physician or organization to submit a claim to Medicare for payment. THE SERVICE YOU RECEIVE MAY NOT BE COVERED BY YOUR MEDICARE INSURANCE. IN THIS EVENT YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CHARGES NOT COVERED. For Medicare Inpatients: I have received "AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MEDICARE" / "TRICARE" and I understand my rights as outlined in this document.
- 10. MEDICAID SERVICES: I certify that services covered by this claim have been received and I request that payment for these services be made on my behalf. I assign the benefits payable for medical center services to the medical center furnishing care and the benefits payable for physician services to the physician or organization furnishing the services or authorize such physician or organization to submit a claim to Medicaid for payment on my behalf. I authorize the release of my medical information necessary to process this claim in accordance with program policy.
- 11. I authorize the medical center, its providers, and agents, including debt collectors, to contact me at any wireless or residential phone number that I provide or which is listed in my name. I agree that this contact may be by way of live operator, artificial or pre-recorded voice, or auto-dialer technologies for any permissible purpose, including communications about my account communications, which communications may contain protected health information. In order to revoke this authorization, I must provide Hackensack Meridian Health written notice directed to "Patient Accounts". For Questions and/or concerns please contact Customer Service for the above named medical center using the phone number provided on our website at www.hackensackmeridian.org under the "Patients and Visitors" tab, Billing & Insurance Customer Service.

I have read the information contained above, any questions I had have been answered, and I understand its contents. I attest that my personal information provided to the hospital is correct. I understand that providing incorrect information for the purpose of avoiding payment or for any other reason may be considered a violation of state and/or federal law.

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