

## **PATIENT INTAKE PACKET**

**apree health** (“**apree**,” “**our**,” “**us**,” and/or “**we**”), as used within this collection of documents, refers collectively to the national healthcare delivery platform comprised of: **Vera Whole Health, Inc. (“Vera”)**, **Castlight Health, Inc. (“Castlight”)**, (including their affiliates and subsidiaries), as well as the Vera-friendly PCs (**Vera Whole Health WA, PC & Kevin Wang MD, Inc.**). The following documents and agreements, once executed, cover your relationships with us, and our relationship with you. As apree continues to expand its consumer-facing policies, we intend to periodically update our notices to provide greater transparency and understanding on how your personal information may be collected, used, and disclosed to provide our services.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

Last Updated: November 7, 2024

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED, AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

We respect your (“**consumer**,” “**individual**,” “**member**,” “**patient**,” or “**user**”) privacy.

This Notice of Privacy Practices (“**NPP**” or “**Notice**”) describes how your medical information, referred herein as protected health information (“**PHI**”) may be used and disclosed, our obligations to protect your PHI, your privacy rights in accessing such information, and how you may contact us.

We understand that your PHI is very sensitive. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“**HIPAA**”) protects the PHI we obtain and create in providing care and services to you. Your PHI may include the medical information we receive from you or your providers such as your symptoms, test results, diagnoses, treatment, health notes, and billing and payment information relating to these services.

In general, we will only use or disclose your PHI as described in this Notice in relation to your healthcare treatments, payments, and/or our operations, or as required by law - in these cases we do not need your authorization. If we believe any additional use or disclosure of your PHI is necessary that goes beyond these use cases, we will not use or disclose your PHI without your authorization.

### **HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR PHI**

Under HIPAA, we may use or disclose your PHI under certain circumstances without your permission. The following categories describe the different ways we may use and disclose your PHI. For each category, we will explain what we mean and give some examples. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted to use and disclose health information will fall within one of the categories.

#### **We may use and disclose your PHI in the following ways, but are not limited to:**

- **For Treatment:** We may use or disclose your PHI to provide you with medical treatment or services. For example, Personal Information obtained by a nurse, physician, or other member of our health care team may be recorded in your medical record and used by members of our health care team to help decide what care may be right for you. We may also provide or exchange information with other health care providers outside our practice who are providing you care or for a referral. This will help them stay informed about your care.
- **For Payment:** We may use and disclose your PHI so that treatment and services you receive at our clinics or with our associated providers may be billed to you and payment collected from you,

your insurance company, or other third party. For example, health plans may request information from us about your medical care. Any information we provide to health plans about you may include your diagnoses, procedures performed, or recommended care.

- **For Health Care Operations:** We may use and disclose your PHI for our business operations, such as assessing the quality of and improving our services to the extent permitted by applicable law. For example:
  - We may use and disclose your PHI to review the qualifications and performance of our health care providers and to train our staff, including to maintain the safety and security of our facilities.
  - We may use and disclose your PHI to conduct or arrange for services, including:
    - Medical quality review by your health plan;
    - Audit functions, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs;
    - Statements about certain uses and disclosures;
    - We may contact you to remind you about appointments;
    - We may use and disclose your PHI to give you information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services; and
    - We may contact you to raise funds. If we contact you for fund-raising, we will also provide you with a way to opt out of receiving fund-raising requests in the future.
- **As Required by Law:** We must make any disclosure required by state, federal, or local law.
- **To Business Associates:** We contract with individuals and entities to perform jobs for us or to provide certain types of services that may require them to create, maintain, use, and/or disclose your health information. We may disclose your health information to a business associate, but only after they agree in writing to safeguard your health information. Examples include billing services, accountants, and others who perform health care operations for us.
- **To Notify Family Members and/or Authorized Individuals:** Unless you object, we may release your PHI to a family member or individual you authorize, who may be involved in your medical care. We may also give information to someone who helps pay for your care. We may tell your family or authorized individual your condition and that you are in a hospital.
- **Electronic Sharing and Pooling of Your Information:** We may take part in or make possible the electronic sharing or pooling of your PHI through participation in a health information exchange (“HIE”) or an equivalent electronic platform for the sharing or pooling of PHI. If you need medical treatment from another participating healthcare provider, HIEs allow the other provider to electronically gather relevant medical information from our records. If you have received care from another participating healthcare provider, HIEs allow us to electronically gather the relevant portions of your medical information or PHI from their records. This improves your overall quality of care by reducing delays and by helping to ensure that the providers involved in your care have the most current healthcare information available to them. You may elect to opt-

out, or back in again, at any time by submitting your request to us in writing. Please contact us at [compliance@apree.health](mailto:compliance@apree.health) to opt-out.

- **For Public Health and Safety Purposes:** We may disclose protected health information to prevent or reduce a serious immediate threat to the health or safety of a person or the public, as permitted or required by law to:
  - Public health or legal authorities;
  - Protect public health and safety;
  - Prevent or control disease, injury, or disability;
  - Report vital statistics such as births or deaths; and/or
  - Report suspected abuse or neglect to public authorities.
- **For Research:** We may disclose PHI to researchers if the research has been approved by an institutional review board or a privacy board and there are policies to protect the privacy of your health information. We may also share information with medical researchers preparing to conduct a research project.
- **To Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors:** We may disclose protected health information to coroners and medical examiners to the extent permitted by applicable law. We may also disclose protected health information to funeral directors consistent with applicable law to allow them to carry out their duties.
- **Organ-Procurement Organizations:** Consistent with applicable law, we may disclose protected health information to organ-procurement organizations (tissue donation and transplant) or persons who obtain, store, or transplant organs.
- **To the Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** For problems with medications, food, supplements, and other products, we may disclose protected health information to the FDA or entities subject to the jurisdiction of the FDA.
- **For Workplace Injury or Illness:** Local and State laws require the disclosure of protected health information to the Department of Labor and Industries, the employer, and the payer (including a self-insured payer) for workers' compensation and for crime victims' claims. We also may disclose protected health information for work-related conditions that could affect employee health; for example, an employer may ask us to assess health risks on a job site.
- **To Correctional institutions:** If you are in jail or prison, we may disclose your protected health information as necessary for your health and the health and safety of others.
- **To Law Enforcement:** We may disclose protected health information to law enforcement officials to the extent permitted by applicable law, such as reports of certain types of injuries or victims of a crime, or when we receive a warrant, subpoena, court order, or other legal process.

- **For Disaster Relief:** We may share protected health information with disaster relief agencies to assist in notification of your condition to family or others.
- **To Military, Veteran, and Department of State:** We may disclose protected health information to the military authorities of U.S. and foreign military personnel; for example, the law may require us to provide information necessary to a military mission.
- **For Lawsuits and Disputes:** We are permitted (and may be required) to disclose protected health information in the course of judicial/administrative proceedings at your request, or as directed by a subpoena or court order to the extent permitted by applicable law.
- **For National Security:** We are permitted to release protected health information to federal officials for national security purposes, within the limits authorized by law.

#### **Other Uses of Medical Information**

Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this NPP will generally only be made with your written authorization. Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes and most uses and disclosures for marketing purposes fall within this category and require your authorization before we may use your medical information for these purposes. Also, the use or disclosure of PHI to conduct a criminal, civil, or administrative investigation or to impose criminal, civil, or administrative liability on any person for the mere act of seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating reproductive health care; or to identify any person for any of these purposes is prohibited. This prohibition also applies if a person presumes that the reproductive health care was lawful in accordance with applicable law. Additionally, with certain limited exceptions, we are not allowed to sell or receive anything of value in exchange for your medical information without your written authorization. If you provide us authorization to use or disclose medical information about you, you may revoke (withdraw) that authorization, in writing, at any time. However, uses and disclosures made before your withdrawal are not affected by your action and we cannot take back any disclosures we may have already made with your authorization.

- **De-identified Health Information:** We may use your health information to create “de-identified” information that is no longer identifiable to any individual in accordance with HIPAA. Once this information has been de-identified, we may use it or share with third parties to improve our services.
- **Use of Unsecure Electronic Communications:** If you choose to communicate with us via unsecure electronic communication, such as regular email or SMS text message, we may direct you to contact us via a secure mechanism such as an online app, in our care centers, or over the phone. In addition, if you provide your email address or cell phone number when you consent to our services, we may communicate with you via phone call, emails or SMS text messages related

to appointment reminders, benefit offerings, or other general informational communications. For your convenience, these messages may be sent unencrypted. Before using or agreeing to use of any unsecure electronic communication to communicate with us, note that there are certain risks, such as interception by others, misaddressed/misdirected messages, shared accounts, messages forwarded to others, or messages stored on unsecured, portable electronic devices. By choosing to correspond with us via unsecure electronic communication, you are acknowledging and agreeing to accept these risks. Additionally, you should understand that use of email or other electronic communications is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Email communications should never be used in a medical emergency.

### **Your Rights Regarding Your Medical Information**

Although, the health and billing records we create and store belong to us, the PHI generated in these records, generally belongs to you. As such, you have the following rights listed below.

To exercise any right, you must submit your request in writing to:

apree health  
c/o Compliance & Privacy Departments  
1201 Second Avenue  
Suite 1400  
Seattle, WA 98101

or via email to: [Compliance@apree.health](mailto:Compliance@apree.health) or [Privacy@apreehealth.com](mailto:Privacy@apreehealth.com)

- **Right to Inspect and Receive a Copy of this NPP:** You have the right to receive, read, and ask questions about this Notice.
- **Right to Request Restrictions:** You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the PHI we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. Please note, that we are not required to agree to your request. If we do agree, our agreement must be in writing, and we will comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide you emergency treatment or we are required or permitted by law to disclose it. We are allowed to end the restriction if we inform you that we plan to do so. If you request that we not disclose certain PHI to your health insurer and that PHI relates to a health care product or service for which we, otherwise, have received payment from you or on your behalf, and in full, then we must agree to that request.
- **Right to Inspect and Receive a Copy of Your Records:** With certain exceptions, you have the right to inspect and/or receive a copy of your medical and billing records or any other of our records that are used by us to make decisions about you.
- **Right to Request an Amendment:** If you feel the medical information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may request that we amend this information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for us in your medical and billing records or any other of our records that are used by us to make decisions about you. When you

submit your request, please note that we cannot change what is in the record. We can, however, supplement information by an addendum. With your assistance, we may notify others who have the incorrect or incomplete medical information. We may deny your request if the medical information (i) was not created by us (unless the person or entity that created the medical information is no longer available to respond to your request); (ii) is not part of the medical and billing records kept by or for us; (iii) is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy; or (iv) is determined by us to be accurate and complete. If we deny your request, we will give you a written explanation of why we did not make the amendment and explain your rights.

- **Right to an Accounting of Disclosures:** You have the right to receive a list of certain disclosures we have made of your PHI in the six (6) years prior to your request. This list may not include every disclosure made, including those disclosures made for treatment, payment and health care operations purposes, or those disclosures made directly to you or with your consent. You must state the time period for which you want to receive the accounting. The first accounting you request in a 12-month period will be free, and we may charge you for additional requests in that same period.
- **Right to Request Confidential Communications:** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. If you want us to communicate with you in a special way, you will need to give us details about how to contact you. You also will need to give us information as to how billing will be handled. We will honor reasonable requests. However, if we are unable to contact you using the requested ways or locations, we may contact you using any information we have.
- **Right to Cancel Prior Authorizations to Use or Disclose Your PHI:** Your revocation does not affect information that has already been released. It also does not affect any action taken before we have it. Sometimes, you cannot cancel an authorization if its purpose was to obtain insurance.

### **Our Responsibilities**

Apree is committed to protecting the privacy of PHI we create or obtain about you. We are required by law to make sure your PHI is protected, give you this NPP, which describes our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your PHI; and follow the terms of this NPP.

As such, the privacy practices described in this NPP will be followed by all apree professionals, employees, medical staff, trainees, contractors and consultants.

### **Changes To This Notice of Privacy Practices**

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and make updates to this NPP. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed Notice effective for PHI we already have about you as well as any information we receive in the future. We will post a copy of the current Notice on our

website <https://patients.verawholehealth.com/>. In addition, at any time you may request a copy of the Notice currently in effect.

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may discuss your concerns with us by delivering a written complaint to:

apree health  
c/o Compliance & Privacy Departments  
1201 Second Avenue  
Suite 1400  
Seattle, WA 98101

or via email to: [Compliance@apree.health](mailto:Compliance@apree.health) or [Privacy@apreehealth.com](mailto:Privacy@apreehealth.com)

You may also file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR). We respect your right to file a complaint with us or with the OCR. If you complain, we will not retaliate against you.

### **PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices described above.
- By signing this document, in-person or in an electronic format, I confirm that I have a clear understanding of how medical information about me may be used and disclosed by apree, and how I can obtain access to the information collected by apree about me.
- I understand that acknowledging this Notice of Privacy Practices does not mean that I agree to any special uses or disclosures of my medical information that is not permitted by HIPAA.
- I also understand that I may refuse to sign this Acknowledgement, however my refusal does not prevent apree from using or disclosing my PHI as permitted by HIPAA.

**Please note:** If you refuse to sign the acknowledgement, we must keep a record of this fact.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Patient

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patient

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable)

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable)



## **PATIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

apree invites you (the “member” or “patient”) to join us as a collaborative, active member of your care team. We encourage you to speak openly with your care team, take part in your treatment choices, and assert your rights in an effective manner. This document sets forth your patient rights and responsibilities.

### **Patient Rights**

- The right to receive considerate, respectful and compassionate care in a safe setting, regardless of age, gender, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or disabilities.
- The right to receive care in a safe environment free from all forms of abuse, neglect, or mistreatment.
- The right to be called by your proper name and pronouns and to be in an environment that maintains dignity and encourages positive self-image.
- The right to be told the names and credentials of the members of the health care team directing and/or providing your care.
- The right to be told by your healthcare provider about your diagnosis and possible prognosis, the benefits and risks of treatment, the alternatives for care or treatment, and the expected outcome of treatment, including unexpected outcomes.
- The right to a form and manner of communication that you can understand.
- If required, apree will provide sign language and foreign language interpreters as needed at no cost.
- Information given will be appropriate to your age, understanding, and language.
- If you have vision, speech, hearing, and/or other impairments, you will receive additional aids to ensure your care needs are met.
- You have the right to give written informed consent before the start of certain non-emergency procedures and/or treatment.
- You have the right to refuse treatment, to the extent permitted by law.
- You have the right to be informed of the medical consequences of refusing treatment.
- You have the right to grant your family and friends to participate in decisions about your care, treatment, and services provided.
- You have the right to respectful, responsive care directed at fostering your comfort and dignity, including assessment and management of pain, and responding to your psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural concerns.
- You have the right to full consideration of your privacy and confidentiality in care discussions, exams, and treatments.
- Care discussion, consultation, examination and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly, respecting your personal privacy. Those not directly involved in your care must have your permission to be present.
- You have the right to see and get a copy of your medical records.

- You may add information to your medical record and ask for information within your medical record to be corrected, if information is inaccurate.
- You have the right to request a list of people to whom your personal health information was disclosed.
- You have the right to expect that all communication and records about your care are confidential, unless disclosure is permitted by law.
- You have the right to agree or refuse to take part in medical research studies.
- You may withdraw from a study at any time without impacting your access to standard care.
- You have the right to expect reasonable continuity of care, including the right to know in advance which of our health care providers and appointment times are available.
- You can expect that apree will make a response to your request for services.
- You have the right to make an advance directive and appoint someone to make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable.
- If you do not have an advance directive, we can provide you with information and help you complete one.
- You have the right to receive detailed information about charges you receive from us.
- You have the right to bring forward ethical considerations and issues that may arise in the course of your health care.
- You have the right to give or refuse consent for recordings, photographs, films, or other images to be produced or used for internal or external purposes other than identification, diagnosis, or treatment.
- You have the right to withdraw consent up until a reasonable time before the item is used.
- You have the right to voice your concerns about the care and/or service you receive, without fear of impacting your access to care or service.

### **Patient Responsibilities**

To provide a safe and healthy environment for staff, patients and their visitors, apree expects everyone to refrain from behaviors that are disruptive or pose a threat to the rights or safety of other patients and staff. As a patient, you are subject to certain responsibilities:

- You are expected to provide complete and accurate information, including your full name, address, home telephone number, date of birth, Social Security Number, insurance carrier and employer when it is required.
- You are expected to provide complete and accurate information about your health and medical history, including present condition, past illnesses, hospital stays, medicines, vitamins, herbal products, and any other matters that pertain to your health, including perceived safety risks.
- You are expected to ask questions if you do not understand information or instructions.
- You are responsible for telling your care team if you believe you cannot follow through with your treatment plan.

- You are responsible for following your treatment plan and/or for communicating barriers to your treatment plan to your care team.
- You are expected to actively participate in your care plan, including pain management, and to keep your health care providers informed of the effectiveness of your treatment, as necessary.
- Upon interactions, you are expected to treat all staff, other patients, and visitors with courtesy and respect;
- You are expected to abide by all apree rules and policies as they have been communicated to you.
- You are expected to be mindful of noise levels, privacy, and conduct.
- You have the responsibility to keep appointments, be on time, and call your health care provider if you cannot keep your appointments.
- You are expected to provide complete and accurate information about your health insurance coverage and to notify us if there are any changes.
- You are also expected to complete all authorizations and release of medical information forms requested by apree and/or your insurance carrier, to pay any required co-payments at the time of service and to pay subsequent charges in a timely manner.
- You have the responsibility to supervise your children and any other visitors accompanying you, if applicable.

apree has a zero-tolerance policy for aggressive behavior directed against others, including patients, visitors or our staff. You understand that the following, but not limited to, inappropriate and/or illegal behaviors are strictly prohibited:

- Possessing firearms or any weapon.
- Intimidating or harassing staff or other patients.
- Making threats of violence through phone calls, letters, voicemail, email or other forms of written, verbal or electronic communication.
- Physically assaulting or threatening to inflict bodily harm.
- Making verbal threats to harm another individual or destroy property.
- Damaging business equipment or property.
- Making menacing or derogatory gestures.
- Making racial or cultural slurs or other derogatory remarks.

**If you are subjected to any of these behaviors or witness inappropriate behavior, please report them to any staff member immediately in person or online at <https://www.verawholehealth.com/contact>. At the sole discretion of apree, violators may be subject to removal from the facility (including offsite events) without notice and/or discharged from the clinic upon reasonable written notice. In the event a patient is discharged by apree for violating their patient responsibilities, apree may provide reasonable patient assistance to transfer their care to a new provider.**

**PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Patient Rights and Responsibilities listed above. I understand that the full list of enumerated rights and responsibilities may not be listed above, but that this includes the general nature of rights and responsibilities which I should abide by. By signing this document, in-person or in an electronic format, I confirm that I have a clear understanding of my rights and responsibilities.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Patient

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patient

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable)

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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Signature of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable )

## **PATIENT CONSENT TO SERVICES**

The following authorizes agree to provide healthcare and coaching services that it performs in its capacity as my healthcare provider, including those services performed virtually, via a telehealth or telemedicine visit (collectively referred to as “**services**”). Those services may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Administration and performance of all relevant diagnoses and treatments;
- Administration of prescribed medication;
- Performance of such procedures as may be deemed necessary or advisable in my treatment, by my provider(s);
- Performance of diagnostic procedures/tests and cultures; and/or
- Performance of other medically accepted laboratory tests that may be considered medically necessary or advisable based on the judgment of the attending physician or her/his assigned designees.

### **General Visits (In-Person or Virtual):**

- I fully understand that this information is given in advance of any specific diagnosis or treatment.
- I intend this consent to be continuing in nature even after a specific diagnosis has been made, treatment recommendations including alternatives to treatment have been discussed, and possible risks have been addressed.
- I understand that this document will become a part of my medical record.
- I understand that my medical information, as is minimally necessary, may be used and disclosed for healthcare treatment, payment or operations.

### **Telehealth Visits (if applicable):**

- I understand that the same standard of care applies to any telehealth or telemedicine visit as it does to an in-person visit.
- I understand that I will not be physically in the same room as my health care provider.
- I will be notified in advance, if anyone other than my healthcare provider(s) are present in the room.
- I understand that there are potential risks to using technology, including service interruptions, interception, and technical difficulties.
- If it is determined that the videoconferencing equipment and/or connection is not adequate, I understand that my healthcare provider or I may discontinue the telehealth visit and make other arrangements to continue the visit.

**PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **Patient Consent to Services** as listed above. I understand that the full list of enumerated rights and responsibilities may not be listed above, but that this includes the general nature of rights and responsibilities which I should abide by. By signing this document, in-person or in an electronic format, I attest that I have a clear understanding of its contents and have had my questions (if any) answered to my satisfaction.

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Printed Name of Patient

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**Date**

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**Date**

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Signature of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable )

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT

The following document outlines our Financial Responsibility Agreement (“**Agreement**”), with you (the “member” or “patient”), in which we require that you read and agree to, before any services from us are rendered to you. Pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“**HIPAA**”), payment of your bill is considered part of the healthcare activities. As such, any use and disclosure of your financial responsibilities will be protected in the same manner as details of your medical information, such as any treatment you may receive.

*Please note that we are not contracted with traditional Medicare or any state Medicaid plans. If you have secondary Medicare or Medicaid coverage in addition to your primary insurance or employer plan, please understand that we will not be able to bill any patient responsibility or copay amounts required by your primary coverage to Medicare or Medicaid. By signing this Agreement, you are indicating that you understand and agree that you will remain personally responsible for any patient responsibility or copay amounts required by your primary coverage.*

**Payment:** Fees are payable when services are rendered. We accept cash, check, credit cards, Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA), or pre-approved insurance, for which we are a contracted provider and are the designated Primary Care Provider (PCP), if applicable.

**Payment for Minors:** The responsible party for a minor child (a child that is under 18 years of age except for an emancipated minor) is the parent that presents the child for care at the time of the initial visit. If the parent presenting the child brings a custody order stating that the other parent is financially responsible for the minor child’s medical bills, the responsible party is changed to the parent designated in the custody order.

**Insurance Coverage:** Proof of insurance and photo ID are required for all patients. We will ask to make a copy of your ID and insurance card for our records. Providing a copy of your insurance card does not confirm that your coverage is effective or that the services rendered will be covered by your insurance company. It is your responsibility to know your insurance benefits, including whether we are a contracted provider with your insurance company, your covered benefits, and any exclusions in your insurance policy. We will attempt to confirm your insurance coverage prior to treatment. It is your responsibility to provide current and accurate insurance information, including any updates or changes in coverage. Should you fail to provide this information, you may be financially responsible. If we have a contract with your insurance company, we will bill your insurance company first, less any copayment(s) or deductible(s), and then bill you for any amount determined to be your responsibility. This process generally takes 45-60 days from the time the claim is received by the insurance company.

## PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the **Financial Responsibility Agreement** contained above. By signing this document, in-person or in an electronic format, I confirm that I

have a clear understanding of my financial responsibility. I understand that if my insurance company denies coverage and/or payment for services rendered to me, I assume financial responsibility and will pay all charges in full.

I certify that I have read and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the terms contained in this consent and Agreement. I fully understand its terms and voluntarily agree to this Agreement.

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Printed Name of Patient

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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Signature of Patient

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Printed Name of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable)

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**Date**

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Signature of Legally Authorized Signatory (if Applicable )



**PATIENT MESSAGING AUTHORIZATION**

We have the ability to communicate with you via email, SMS text, and/or phone calls to remind you of your appointments, to obtain feedback on your experience with our healthcare team, and to provide general health reminders/information (collectively referred to as “**apree updates**”). Please refer to our Notice of Privacy Practices for information as to permitted uses of your health information and your rights regarding privacy matters. Please note, we will not share confidential details such as your diagnosis, test results or other medical claims details via email or SMS text, however we may direct you to review your confidential information by logging into your secure patient portal by email or SMS text.

By providing us with your email address and/or cell phone number below, you are authorizing us to communicate with you via these means.

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ *(please check the boxes below to also authorize us to send you text messages or contact you by phone call and/or leave detailed messages on your voicemail)*

- SMS Text Messages
- Calls
- Detailed Voicemail Messages

apree will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of information sent and received. However, because communicating with patients by email, SMS text, or over the phone may not be secure, apree cannot guarantee the security and confidentiality of electronic communications:

**Acknowledgement and Agreement:**

- I consent to receive electronic communication in the form of emails, SMS texts, phone calls, and/or voicemail messages from apree as indicated by me above. I understand that this request to receive electronic communication in the forms outlined above will apply to all future apree updates, unless I request a change.
- I understand that communications from apree in this form may not be encrypted and there is a potential risk of messages being intercepted by a third party. Despite this, I agree to communicate with apree in this manner, with a full understanding of that risk.
- I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Patient

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