



Welcome to Markou Medical! Always here, always available! Thank you for trusting us with your health care! This welcome packet includes your new patient paperwork to fill out and bring with you to your first visit as other information about our providers, locations, and services.

We will provide you with same-day office visits for any acute needs during normal office hours and provide one of our own highly trained providers on call 24/7 to meet any acute needs that might come up.

I am excited for the opportunity for us to meet you and to help meet your healthcare needs!

Respectfully,

Michael Markou, DO, FACP

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**Tarpon Springs**

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Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
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## **Welcome To Our Practice!**

Please keep this form so that you have access to this information when needed.

**Our physicians are available 24 hours a day, after hours, for your urgent healthcare needs. Upon contacting our office after hours, one of our providers will personally return your call. Avoid expensive emergency room co-pays, long wait times, and physicians who are not familiar with your specific healthcare history.**

- **Urgent Needs:** Always call us with urgent health concerns—even after hours—so we can assist you over the phone or schedule an appointment as needed.
- **Preferred Hospitals:** Morton Plant or other BayCare facilities due to trusted relationships with their staff and specialists.
- **Preferred Lab:** Quest Diagnostics.
- **Post-Hospital/ER Care:** Contact us immediately after discharge. A follow-up appointment is required within 24–48 hours to support your recovery.
- **Medicare Patients:** Your provider encourages you to be seen at least every six months to maximize preventive care.
- **Appointments:** Call to schedule and **bring a current list of medications** or bottles of medications to appointments. Please cancel at least 24 hours in advance if needed.
- **Referrals:** To avoid unexpected bills, call us before seeing a specialist or having any tests or procedures, as Humana requires prior authorization. **DO NOT** go for lab tests, x-rays, physical therapy, etc. until our office is notified.



## New Patient Information

**Welcome to Markou Medical. If you need any assistance, please let the receptionist know.**

Patient \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name

First Name

Middle initial

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Sex    M    F    Age \_\_\_\_\_ Significant Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)

Phone #

Do you have any specialist appointments scheduled?    Yes    No

• Where & When \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Doctor and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about us?

• Friend or relative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Insurance agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Newspaper/Newsletter

• Social Media

• Google

• Humana.com or Medicare.gov

• Other \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICATION LIST / ALLERGIES / PHARMACY**

Please help us provide better care by providing us with your current prescription and over-the-counter medications taken regularly.

**PRESCRIPTIONS:**

Medication Name	Dosage	Times Daily	When Started?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS / HERBAL REMEDIES / VITAMINS:**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY MEDICATIONS?**☐ Yes ☐ No**If yes, please list medication and the reaction.****MEDICATION ALLERGIES & REACTIONS:**

Medication Name	Reaction
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**PHARMACY INFORMATION (Required):**

Pharmacy Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Address or Cross Streets: \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBER	CIRCLE SEX	IF LIVING		IF DECEASED	
		AGE	HEALTH	AGE AT DEATH	CAUSE
Father					
Mother					
Brother(s) / Sister(s)	M      F				
	M      F				
	M      F				
Husband / Wife					
Son(s) / Daughter(s)	M      F				
	M      F				
	M      F				
	M      F				

Check if any blood relative has or had any of the following and enter their relationship to you:

	Yes	No	Relationship to you	Comments
Bleeding Tendency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Colitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
COPD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Heart Attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Kidney Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sickle Cell Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Suicide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Patient**
**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient**
**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose One:** [ ] Male [ ] Female

**Past Medical History: Have you ever had one of the follow illnesses?**

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Amputation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Migraine Headache	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ostomy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol Overuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gout	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paralysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HIV/AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexually	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transmitted Disease		
Bleeding Disorders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sickle Cell Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CHF/CAD)			Sleep Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location: _____			Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stomach Ulcer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cardiac Arrhythmias	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stroke, CVA/TIA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacemaker: _____			Kidney Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thyroid Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vascular Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COPD/Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Medical History: _____					
Symptoms you would like to discuss: _____								

**Personal Habits: Have you ever?**

Smoked tobacco? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, packs per day \_\_\_\_\_ #of years \_\_\_\_\_ Year quit \_\_\_\_\_

Used chewing tobacco? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, # of cans \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_ Year quit \_\_\_\_\_

Do you drink alcohol regularly? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how often \_\_\_\_\_ # of drinks per day \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used? ☐ Marijuana ☐ LSD ☐ Heroin ☐ Cocaine ☐ Meth ☐ Other

**Operations: List with approximate year**
**Serious Injuries: List with approximate year**

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Hospitalization** (Other than operations with approximate date): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Immunizations (please include the date):		Covid-19 _____	Pevnar 13 _____
Tetanus _____	Shingles _____	Flu _____	Pevnar 20 _____
Other _____	MMR _____	Hep _____	Pneumovax 23 _____

## Preventative Service History

**This form needs to be completed to the best of your ability.**

We need to know if the below listed testing has: Never Been Done (NO), Has Been Done (YES). If yes, your best estimate as to the month/year the test was performed, and the result.

<u>Preventative Service</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>Month/Year Testing Performed</u>	<u>Findings &amp; Recommendations</u>
<u>Bone Mass Measurement</u> (Bone Density)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<u>Bloodwork</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<u>Colorectal Cancer Screening</u> Colonoscopy –	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Fecal Occult Blood Test (Stool Card)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<u>Vision Screening</u> Eye Exam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<u>Female Screening</u> PAP & Pelvic Examination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Mammogram	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
<u>Male Screening</u> PSA – Prostate Specific Antigen (Blood Test)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

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**FOR PHYSICIAN USE**

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**Physician Signature**

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**Date Reviewed**

**SOCIAL / LIFESTYLE HISTORY:**

Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Interpreter Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there someone that lives with you in your residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list name & relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Residence: ☐ Apartment ☐ Mobile Home ☐ House ☐ One Story ☐ Two Story

☐ Independent Living Facility Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Assisted Living Facility Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Durable Medical Equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Wheelchair ☐ Walker ☐ Cane

☐ Oxygen ☐ Nebulizer ☐ CPAP/BIPAP

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you afford medicine? ☐ Yes ☐ No Potential Referral to Patient Assistance Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation provided by? \_\_\_\_\_

**EXERCISE / ACTIVITY:**

Current Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ How Often: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING:**

Do you require assistance to bathe or groom? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require assistance for your toilet needs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require assistance to eat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have hearing loss? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you wear hearing aids? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of last hearing exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments & Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



**Constitutional**

- ☐ Fever
- ☐ Chills
- ☐ Feeling Poorly
- ☐ Feeling Tired
- ☐ Recent Weight Gain \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.
- ☐ Recent Weight Loss \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

**Eyes**

- ☐ Blurry Vision
- ☐ Glaucoma
- ☐ Eye Infection
- ☐ Dry Eyes
- ☐ Red Eyes

**ENT**

- ☐ Ringing in the Ears
- ☐ Throat Clearing
- ☐ Sore Throat
- ☐ Hoarseness
- ☐ Mouth Sores

**Cardiovascular**

- ☐ Heart Rate Slow
- ☐ Heart Rate Fast
- ☐ Chest Pain
- ☐ Palpitations
- ☐ Lower extremity Edema

**Respiratory**

- ☐ Shortness of Breath
- ☐ Wheezing
- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Shortness of Breath on Exertion
- ☐ Spitting up Blood

**Genitourinary**

- ☐ Dysuria
- ☐ Incontinence
- ☐ Testicular Pain
- ☐ Blood in Urine
- ☐ Kidney Stones
- ☐ Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding
- ☐ Genital Lesion

**Heme/Lymph**

- ☐ Easy Bleeding
- ☐ Easy Bruising
- ☐ Swollen Glands

**Musculoskeletal**

- ☐ Muscle Pain
- ☐ Joint Pain
- ☐ Joint Swelling
- ☐ Joint Stiffness

**Integumentary**

- ☐ Skin Rash
- ☐ Skin Wound
- ☐ Itching
- ☐ Jaundice

**Neurological**

- ☐ Confusion
- ☐ Numbness
- ☐ Dizziness
- ☐ Fainting
- ☐ Headache

**Psychiatric**

- ☐ Suicidal
- ☐ Depression
- ☐ Anxiety
- ☐ Sleep Disturbances

**Endocrine**

- ☐ Heat Intolerance
- ☐ Excessive Thirst
- ☐ Cold Tolerance
- ☐ Excessive Urination

**Gastrointestinal**

- ☐ Poor Appetite
- ☐ Difficulty Swallowing
- ☐ Heartburn
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ Rectal Bleeding
- ☐ Nausea
- ☐ Vomiting
- ☐ Bloating
- ☐ Abdominal Pain
- ☐ Black Tarry Stools
- ☐ Belching
- ☐ Regurgitation
- ☐ Constipation
- ☐ Recent change in Bowel Habits

Patient label:

### Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (circle the number to indicate your answer)	Not At All	Several Days	More than Half the Days	Nearly Every Day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself, or that you are a failure or have let yourself or family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite, being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3

Add Columns

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**TOTAL**

10. If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?	<input type="checkbox"/> Not difficult at all <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat difficult	<input type="checkbox"/> Very difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely difficult
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### Bladder and Additional Screening

- Are you having any bladder control problems? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - \*If "yes", please answer the remaining questions. This information will help your practitioner better understand your bladder control problem.
  - I started having bladder trouble: ☐ A Month(s) ago ☐ 1 to 2 years ago ☐ \_\_\_ years ago
- Do you require assistance to walk? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Do you have any problems with your hearing, vision or speech?
  - Hearing: ☐ Yes ☐ No      Vision: ☐ Yes ☐ No      Speech: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Social Determinants of Health Screening

**1. What is your living situation today?**

- ☐ I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future  
☐ I do not have a steady place to live now or in the past 12 months  
☐ I have a steady place to live

**2. Within the past 12 months, have you not had enough food or worried that your food would run out before you have money to buy more?**

- ☐ Often true ☐ Sometimes true ☐ Never true

**3. In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**4. In the past 12 months, have you had issues paying for your electricity, gas, oil, water, or any other basic needs?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**5. Are you currently employed?**

- ☐ No (looking for work) ☐ Yes ☐ N/A (retired, disabled)

**6. Do you feel like your insurance or welfare support is not enough and that you could benefit from an increase in benefits/support?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**7. How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, medical care, and heating?**

- ☐ Very ☐ Somewhat ☐ Not at all

**8. How often so you feel lonely, excluded or isolated from family, friends or your community?**

- ☐ Always ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never  
☐ Often ☐ Rarely

**9. If you live alone, do you have issues with mobility, cooking, cleaning or worrying about safety issues?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I do not live alone

**10. Have you been a victim of war or persecution, or have you been displaced from your home?**

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Patient Name Printed

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Patient Name Signed

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Date

## **Notice of Privacy Practices**

At Markou Medical, we take your privacy seriously. We follow all laws to protect your personal health information (PHI) and only use it to give you the best care, handle billing, and run our office.

Here's what you can expect from us:

- We follow the rules in our **Notice of Privacy Practices**.
- We only use or share your health information as allowed by law—for treatment, payment, and care operations—not for marketing or other outside use unless you give permission.
- We may send appointment reminders unless you ask us not to.
- We work hard to keep your information accurate, secure, and up to date.
- We respect your dignity and privacy at all times.
- You have the right to:
  - View or get a copy of your medical records (a fee may apply)
  - Ask us to fix any incorrect or incomplete information in your record
  - Ask for a list of who we've shared your information with, outside of normal care and billing
  - Appeal if your request to see your record is denied—another provider will review it

All of our providers and staff must follow this policy. Anyone who doesn't may face disciplinary action.

We may update this policy in the future, and you can always request a copy.

## **Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices Written Acknowledgement**

By signing, I affirm that I received a copy of Markou Medical's Privacy Policy.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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If signed by someone other than the patient, please indicate the relationship to the patient:

☐ Parent

☐ Legal Guardian

☐ Legal Representative

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian/Legal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

## **HIPPA Release of Information**

Patient authorization for use/disclosure of protected health information (PHI) for purposes requested by the practice.

“Only as permitted or required by Federal or State Law”, we may use your PHI to do the following:

- To disclose, as may be necessary, your health information (including HIV/AIDs status, drug/alcohol abuse/dependency, mental health notes, etc.) to other healthcare entities (such as referrals to or consultation with other health care entities) or to others as may be required by law or court concerning your treatment, payment, or other healthcare.
- To request from other healthcare entities (such as doctors, dentists, hospitals, labs, imaging centers, etc.) specific healthcare information we may need for planning your care of treatment.
- To submit necessary information to insurance companies for coverage verification as well as the diagnosis and treatment information to your insurance companies, other agencies, and/or individuals for payment of the services/treatment we provide for you.
- To discuss your healthcare payment information (only the minimum necessary in our judgement) with family members or other persons who are or may be involved in your health care treatment or payments.
- To leave appointment reminders or other minimal necessary information related to your health care or health care payments on your answering machine, mobile voicemail or text message, email, or with a household family member.

You may request a copy of, and you have the right to read our notice of patient privacy practices prior to signing this authorization. The NPP provides a more complete description of health information uses and disclosures.

By signing this form, I authorize Markou Medical to release/disclose my medical information, medical history, progress notes with diagnosis, laboratory data, imaging studies, and claims information.

This information may be released to:

☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This information if NOT to be released to anyone.

This Release of Information will remain in effect until terminated by me in writing. My written revocation must be submitted to Markou Medical. This practice will not receive payment or other remuneration from a third party in exchange for using or disclosing PHI. I do not have to sign this authorization to receive treatment from Markou Medical. In fact, I have the right to refuse to sign this authorization. When my information is used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization, it may be subject to re-disclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by the federal HIPPA Privacy Rule.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Authorization for the Release of

I hereby give my permission to (list physician / facility name, address & phone number):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

To release a copy of my Protected Health Information (PHI) to: **Markou Medical** I instruct  
the above named entity to produce the following information (check ONE only):

- ☐ Release Entire Record  
☐ I would like specific records released: \_\_\_\_\_

My PHI is to be disclosed for: ☐ Continuation of Care ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward records to the following location (Circle One):

1266 Turner St. Suite A  
Clearwater, FL 33756  
Phone: (727) 446-0176  
Fax: (727) 446-4906

OR

1779 S. Pinellas Ave. Suite 300  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
Phone: (727) 940-2099  
Fax: (727) 446-4906

Unless otherwise noted, this authorization expires one year from date signed.

I authorize Markou Medical or an authorized representative of the patient and requests that the above named facility to release any and all information which the named facility may possess in regard to the patient's examinations and treatments, including, but not limited to, alcohol abuse or drug abuse information, HIV antibody testing information, psychiatric and/or psychological information, communicable disease information, or any other information related to the patient's total treatment, unless specified below which may be a part of the medical records. I may revoke this authorization at any time by mailing or personally delivering a signed, written notice of revocation to the healthcare provider at which this authorization was executed. Such revocation will be effective upon receipt, except to the extent that the recipient has already taken action in reliance on the Authorization. I am entitled to a copy of this authorization upon request. I may not be required to sign this Authorization as a condition to obtaining treatment or payment or my eligibility for benefits. This recipient of this protected health information is prohibited from re-disclosing the information unless the recipient obtains another authorization from me or unless the discloser is specifically required by law. Where permitted, the information I am requesting to be disclosed may sometimes be re-disclosed by the recipient and may no longer be protected by law. I am entitled to notice if my protected health information is used for marketing and results in remuneration to the provider. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the above statements as they apply to me.

Patient Name (Print) : \_\_\_\_\_ DOB : \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Understanding Your Insurance & the Referral Process**

**If the insurance plan you have selected is an HMO/managed care plan.**

- 1. Your PCP oversees your overall health to make the best decisions for your care.
- 2. If you need a specialist, your PCP will coordinate that care within your HMO network.
- 3. A referral from your PCP is required before seeing any specialist.
- 4. Your PCP will select a specialist suited to your needs from within the HMO network.
- 5. HMO networks include select providers known for delivering high-quality care.
- 6. Unlike PPOs, HMO coverage only applies to in-network providers.
- 7. Referrals ensure clear communication between your PCP and specialist to help you get the right care.

**Yearly Insurance Authorization, Assignment, and Guarantee of Payment**

I give permission for Medicare and/or my insurance to send payments directly to Markou Medical for any services I receive.

I also allow Markou Medical to share my medical information with Medicare or my insurance company if needed to process my claims. A copy of this form is valid like the original.

If I receive any insurance checks meant for Markou Medical, I agree to sign them over right away.

I understand I’m responsible for any charges not covered by Medicare or insurance. I confirm the information I’ve given is correct and agree to this payment arrangement.

**A charge of \$45 will be billed to your account for any missed appointments. This is not billable to your insurance company.**

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Patient Consent**

I give Markou Medical permission to use and share my health information, including HIV/AIDS testing or status, to help with my care, billing, and office operations. This is explained in more detail in their "Notice of Privacy Practices," which I can read at any time. I can also request a copy by writing to:  
**Markou Medical, Attn: Privacy Officer, 1266 Turner St. Suite A, Clearwater, FL 33756**

With this permission, Markou Medical may:

- Call or leave a voicemail about appointments, insurance, test results, other care-related information
- Mail appointment reminders or billing statements to my home or another address, marked "Personal & Confidential"
- Email appointment reminders or billing statements

I can ask Markou Medical to limit how my information is shared, but they don't have to agree to the request.

By signing, I agree to let Markou Medical share my information as needed, including with insurance companies. I can cancel this consent in writing at any time, but it won't affect anything already shared. If I don't sign or later cancel, they may not be able to treat me.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent for Diagnostic and/or Therapeutic Procedures**

I give permission for my doctor and care team to examine me, run routine tests, and provide treatment or medications as needed. I understand any risks will be explained, and I can refuse any test or treatment at any time.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Prescription Renewal Policy

Our doctors are available 24/7 for true emergencies. Medication refills are not emergencies and should be handled during regular office hours—Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Please request refills during your visit or by calling our medical assistants. We'll respond within 24 hours. This helps us provide safe, timely care for everyone.

### Patient Conduct and Examination Room Escort Policy

Markou Medical has a zero-tolerance policy for any physical threats, verbal abuse, or disrespect toward our staff or other patients. We reserve the right to end care and dismiss anyone from the practice for such behavior.

If it makes you more comfortable, you may have a friend, family member, or staff member with you during your exam. In some cases, your provider may also request an escort to be present.

### Health Maintenance

To help you stay healthy, it is important to us that you, our patient adhere to the following:

- Don't smoke
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Exercise daily (walk, swim, etc.)
- Eat a heart-healthy diet (low in cholesterol, calories, and saturated fats; limit salt)
- Avoid alcohol or drink only in moderation
- Always wear seatbelts and bike helmets
- Avoid all illegal or recreational drug use
- Practice safe sex to prevent HIV and STDs
- Have yearly eye exams
- **Women:** Get mammograms and Pap smears as recommended for your age
- **Men:** Get regular prostate screening based on age guidelines
- **Everyone:** Get regular lab work and colon cancer screening based on age and risk factors

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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If signed by someone other than the patient, please indicate the relationship to the patient:

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Parent

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Legal Guardian

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Legal Representative

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian/Legal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Informed Consent and Agreement for Appropriate Behavior in Office and With Staff**

**The Behavior in Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Our Commitment to You:**

We are committed to providing respectful, high-quality care and working with you as a partner in your health. We will explain your treatment options and respect your choices. In return, we ask for your cooperation and appropriate behavior.

### **Your Rights:**

As a patient, you have the right to accept or refuse treatment. You also have the right to be informed about your treatment options-including the benefits, risks, and any alternatives-so you can make the best decisions for your health. You can change your mind about treatment at any time.

### **Your Responsibilities:**

You are expected to treat all physicians, staff, and fellow patients with respect at all times, both inside and outside the office. This includes:

- No physical or verbal abuse
- No threatening, insulting, or offensive language
- No inappropriate behavior toward others in the office or outside settings

Failure to follow these expectations may result in dismissal from the practice.

### **Patient Agreement:**

I understand that if I do not follow the behavior and conduct expectations outlined in this agreement, Markou Medical has the right to stop providing care to me and formally discharge me from the practice as a “transfer for cause.”

I also give Markou Medical permission to share a copy of this agreement with my pharmacy, other healthcare providers, or my insurance company if requested.

Additionally, I agree that my doctor, physician assistant, or any Markou Medical staff may share my medical information with other parties when it’s needed for my care or for billing purposes. I also agree to give up certain privacy protections if needed for Markou Medical to fully cooperate with state or federal laws, or with agencies like Medicare or Medicaid (CMS).

**By signing, I confirm that I have read and understand this agreement and agree to the above.**

Patient Name (Print) : \_\_\_\_\_ DOB : \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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**I have discussed the risks, hazards, limitations and benefits, as well as alternative treatment possibilities with the patient and answered all questions asked of me.**

Provider Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

### **What is an Advance Directive?**

An advance directive is a way to let your family and doctors know what kind of medical care you want if you're too sick or hurt to speak for yourself.

There are two kinds of advance directives:

- **A Living Will:** Says what kind of treatments you want or don't want if you're very sick and not expected to get better—like being on a breathing machine if you're in a coma.
- **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care:** Lets you pick someone you trust to make medical decisions for you if you can't.

### **Is one better than the other?**

Each one helps in different ways, and many people use both. You can even combine them so your chosen person knows what you would want.

### **Can I change my mind?**

Yes! You can change or cancel your directive anytime—just write it down and sign it, or tell someone your new wishes.

### **Who should make out an Advance Directive?**

Any adult. Accidents and serious illnesses can happen at any age, so it's good to be prepared.