

Benefits Assignment and Financial Responsibility

Last name

First name

DOB

Address

SSN

RELEASE OF INFORMATION: I authorize Merrimack Thoracic & Esophageal Surgery PLLC to disclose and release to my insurance carrier(s), including Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap/Supplemental benefits providers, and private insurers, as applicable, any medical and treatment information needed for payment purposes for services rendered. I authorize use of this form for the release of information needed to process claims to all my insurance carrier(s) and its authorized agents. I authorize my provider/practice to act as my agent in helping obtain payment from my insurance companies.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS: I assign all payments, rights and claims for reimbursement of claims, costs and expenses allowable under my insurance plan(s) directly to my provider or practice for services rendered. I understand I will receive a statement for any balance due by me and I agree to make full payment upon receipt of the statement after insurance has met its obligation.

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY: I understand that **COPAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE** (coinsurance and deductibles may also be collected at the time of service). I understand I am financially responsible for charges not covered by my insurance company. I also agree to pay any outstanding balance as well as attorney fees and costs to **Merrimack Thoracic & Esophageal Surgery PLLC** if this matter is referred to collection.

MEDICARE AUTHORIZATION: If a Medicare beneficiary, I understand my signature requests payment to be made and authorize the release of medical information necessary to pay claims. If 'other health insurance' is indicated in item 9 of the HCFA-1500 Form, or elsewhere on approved claim forms, or electronically submitted claims, my signature authorizes the release of information to insurance companies or its authorized agents. In Medicare-assigned cases, the physician or supplier agrees to accept the charge of determination of the Medicare carrier as the full charge, and I agree I am responsible for deductible, coinsurance and non-covered services. Coinsurance and deductibles are based upon the charge determination of the Medicare carrier.

Patient signature _____

Print name _____

Date _____

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