**New Life Surgery**

**Atif Iqbal, M.D. FACS, FASMBS**

**18225 Brookhurst Street, Ste 5**

**Fountain Valley, CA 92618**

Dear Patient,

As a courtesy to you, we will attempt to verify your insurance benefits prior to your surgery; however, your insurance company makes the final determination on how your claim is paid after they receive the claims by the various providers of service.

There are probably hundreds of different insurance policies on the market today. The language used to describe benefits is always consistent from one insurance to another. For Instance, an insurance company may claim to pay 80% of reasonable and customary, which usually means 80% of billed charged, but could also mean 80% of the insurance company’s fee schedule.

Often, the customer service representatives at the insurance companies are unclear to what exactly the benefits of the policy will mean to the patient in actual out of pocket dollars and cent. In addition, there occasions when a provider of service is not part of your network. Some of these providers could include the Radiologist who reads your x-rays or Pulmonologist who interprets your pulmonary function test. These providers could be paid at a different rate than in the network providers.

Therefore, it is advisable that you review your benefits in your insurance company handbook and ask questions of your insurance carrier, as you will be responsible for whatever you’re out of pocket expenses are according to the provisions of your policy.

**ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS**

All professional services rendered are charged to the patient. Necessary forms will be completed to help expedite insurance carrier payment. However, the patient is responsible for all fees, regardless of insurance coverage.

Insured’s or Authorized Persons

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I request that payment of authorized medicare/other insurance company benefits be made on my behalf to Atif Iqbal, M.D. for any services furnished by me, by the party who accepts assignment/physician. Regulations pertaining to Medicare assignments of benefits apply.

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**ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS FORM**

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

All professional services rendered are charged to the patient and are due at the time of service, unless other arrangements have been made in advance with our business office. Necessary forms will be completed to file for insurance carrier payments.

**ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS**

I hereby assign all medical and surgical benefits, to include major medical benefits to which I am entitled. I hereby authorize and direct my insurance carrier(s), including Medicare, private insurance, and any other health-medical plan, to issue payment check(s) directly to Atif Iqbal, M.D. for any services rendered to me and/or my dependents regardless of my insurance benefits, if any. I understand that I am responsible for any amount not covered by insurance.

**AUTHORIZE TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

I hereby authorize New Life Surgery to: (1) release any information necessary to insurance carriers regarding my illness and treatments; (2) process insurance claims generated in the course of examination or treatment; and (3) allow photocopying of my signature to be used to process insurance claims for the period of a lifetime. This order will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing.

I have requested medical services from New Life Surgery on behalf of myself and/or my dependents, and understand that by making this request, I become fully financially responsible for any and all charges incurred in the course of the treatment authorized.

I further understand that fees are due and payable on the date that services are rendered and agree to pay all such charges incurred in full immediately upon presentation of the appropriate statement. A photocopy of this agreement is to be considered as valid as the original.

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Patient/Responsible Party Signature Date

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Witness Date

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**PATIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment, you are requested to notify the office during regular business hours at least 24 hours prior to your appointment time. Please note that weekend are not considered a business day. If your appointment is on a Monday, you must cancel by Friday before the weekend.

If you do not provide 24 hour notice you miss your appointment, be deemed as a no show, and you will be required to pay $50.00 in order to reschedule your appointment. This fee is your responsibility; it is not covered or reimbursed by insurance.

All candidates for bariatric surgery are required to have a psychosocial consultation with a program Psychologist. If you are a bariatric patient, you will not be rescheduled for another appointment until the Psychologist is paid.

I agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and accept full personal responsibility to pay all fees incurred. Once the fees are paid, the doctor will determine if the appointment is to be re-scheduled and you will receive a call.

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Printed Patient Signature Date

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS**

Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby authorize you to release my medical records to:

**Atif Iqbal, M.D. FACS, FASMBS**

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**Fountain Valley, CA 92618**

**P: 714-599-8222 F: 714-599-8223**

Any information including the diagnosis and records of any treatment or examination rendered to me during:

From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agree to have the staff of this office access my chart, and/or contact me for medical and clerical follow up needs. This will be done by office visits, phone, e-mail, fax or any other means deemed appropriate.

I understand that all of my records, Pre-Operative, Peri-Operative, and Post-Operative will be maintained in a confidential database.

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Printed Patient Signature Date

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**AGREEMENT AS TO RESOLUTION OF CONCERNS**

“I”, or “Patient Guardian”, shall be understood to mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “Physician” shall be understood to mean Atif Iqbal, M.D.

 I understand that I am entering into a contractual relationship with the physician for professional care. I further understand that meritless and frivolous claims for medical malpractice have an adverse effect upon the cost and availability of medical care to patients, and may result in irreparable harm to a medical provider. As additional consideration for professional care provided to me by the physician. I, or the Patient Guardian, agree not to initiate or advance, directly or indirectly, any meritless or frivolous claims of medical malpractice against the physician.

 Should I initiate or pursue a meritorious medical malpractice claim against the physician, I agree to use expert witnesses (with respect to issues concerning standard of care), only Physicians who are board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in the same specialty as the Physician. Further, I agree that these physicians retained by me or on my behalf to be expert witnesses will be members in good standing of the ASMBS and Board Certified. I agree that the expert will be obligated to adhere to the guidelines or code of conduct defined by the ASMBS. I agree to require any attorney I hire and any physician hired by me or on my behalf as an expert witness to these provisions.

 In further consideration, the appointed physician must also agree to exactly the same above referenced stipulations. Each party agrees that a conclusion by a specialty affording due process to an expert will be treated as supporting or refuting evidence of a frivolous or meritless claim.

 I, the patient, or my Guardian, and the Physician agree that this Agreement is binding upon them individually and their representative successors, assigns, representatives, personal representatives, spouses, and other dependents. Physician and Patient, or Guardian, agree that these provisions apply to any claim for medical malpractice whether based on a theory of contract, negligence, battery, or any other theory of recovery. Patient, and/or Guardian, acknowledges that he/she has been given ample opportunity to read this Agreement and to ask questions about it.

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Effective from Date of Treatment

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Patient Signature Physician Signature: Atif Iqbal, M.D.