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INFORMED CONSENT TO EXAMINATION AND CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT

I, _____ understand that this office does not file my insurance and that any fees incurred for treatments are charged directly to me and are my sole responsibility. I hereby authorize the Doctor to perform upon e examination and diagnostic procedures arising from any current or presently unforeseen conditions, which the Doctor considers necessary or advisable in the course of my health care.

The Doctor will be treating his/her patients through any or all of the following: the adjustment of the spine through both low and high force techniques, nutritional counseling, and exercise. The Doctor will utilize various Chiropractic techniques in order to best serve each individual patient. These techniques may include adjustment of the cranial bones, the vertebral column, the pelvis, and the upper and/or lower extremities. The techniques focus on maintaining healthy spinal alignment and motion thereby influencing nervous system function. The Doctor will not directly treat any specific medical conditions.

The material risks inherent in the Chiropractic adjustment:

- As with any health care procedure, there are certain complications, which may arise during a chiropractic adjustment. Those complications include: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, Horner's syndrome, diaphragmatic paralysis, cervical myelopathy, and costovertebral strains and separations. Some types of manipulation of the neck have been associated with injuries to the arteries in the neck leading to or contributing to serious complications including stroke. Some patients will feel some stiffness and soreness following the first few days of treatment

The probability of those risks occurring

- Fractures are rare occurrences and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone, which we check for during the taking of your history, examinations and possible x-rays. Stroke has been the subject of tremendous disagreement within and without the profession with one prominent authority saying that there is at most a one-in-a-million chance of such an outcome. Since even that risk should be avoided if possible, we employ tests in our examination, which are designed to identify if you may be susceptible to that kind of injury. The other complications are also generally described as "rare".

It is important that you understand other treatment options outside of Chiropractic care are available to you.

Other treatment options for you condition may include:

- Self-administered, over-the-counter analgesics and rest.
- Medical care with prescription drugs
- Hospitalization
- Surgery

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The material risks inherent in such options and the probability of such risks include:

- Overuse of over-the-counter medications produces undesirable side effects. Premature return to work and household chores may aggravate the condition and extend the recovery time. The probability of such complications occurring is dependent upon the patient's general health, severity of the patient's discomfort his/her pain tolerance, and self-discipline in not abusing the medication. Professional literature describes highly undesirable effects from long term use of over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications can produce undesirable side effects and patient dependence. The risk of such complications arising is dependant upon the patient's general health, severity of the patient's illness, Such medications generally entail very significant risks, some with rather high probabilities
- Hospitalization in conjunction with other care bears the additional risk of exposure to communicable disease, iatrogenic (doctor induce) mishap, and expense. The probability of iatrogenic mishap is remote, expense is certain, exposure to communicable disease is likely with adverse result from such exposure dependent upon unknown variables.
- The risks inherent in surgery include adverse reaction to anesthesia, iatrogenic (doctor induced) mishap all those of hospitalization, and an extended convalescent period. The probability of those risks occurring varies according to many factors.

The risks and dangers attendant to remaining untreated

- Remaining untreated allows the formation of adhesions and reduces mobility, which sets up a pain reaction further reducing mobility. Over time this process may complicate treatment, making it more difficult and less effective the longer it is postponed. The probability that non-treatment will complicate a later rehabilitation is very high.

I, _____ UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED IN CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT, THE OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR RISKS, AND THE RISKS OF REMAINING UNTREATED. BY SIGING BELOW I STATE THAT I HAVE WEIGHTD THE RISKS INVOLVED IN UNDERGOING TREATMENT AND HAVE MYSELF DECIDED THAT IT IS IN MY BEST INTEREST (OR SAID MINOR'S INTEREST) TO UNDERGO THE TREATMENT RECOMMENDED. HAVIGN BEEN INFORMED OF THE RISKS, I HEREBY GIVE MY CONSENT APPROPRIATE THROUGH THE USE OF MANIPULATION OF MY SPINE AND EXTREMITIES, NUTRITIONAL CHANGES, AND RECOMMENDED EXERCISES AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO GUARANTEE OR ASSURANCE AS TO THE RESULTS THAT MAY BE OB TAINED FROM THIS TREATMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.

Patient Signature (18 and over): _____ Date: _____

Patient Printed Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (for minors): _____