PATIENT Bill of Rights

As a patient, you have the right to:

- Obtain correct and understandable information from your WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy pharmacist concerning your treatment and/or drug therapy.
- Discuss your medication therapy, including any possible side effects and drug interactions, and to receive counseling and education from your WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy pharmacist.
- 3. Expect that all prescribed medications dispensed to you are accurate, effective, and in useable condition.
- 4. Select a pharmacy of your choice.
- 5. Be fully informed in advance about services/care to be provided.
- 6. Be treated with dignity, courtesy, and respect as a unique individual.
- Be able to identify WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy representatives through name and job title (name badge, job title) and to speak with a pharmacist if requested.
- 8. Choose a healthcare provider.
- Receive information about the scope of care/ services that are provided by WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy, as well as any limitations to the company's care/service capabilities.
- 10. Receive, upon request, evidence-based practice information for clinical decisions (manufacturer package insert, published practice guidelines, peer-reviewed journals, etc.), including the level of evidence or consensus describing the process for intervention in instances where there is no evidencebased research, conflicting evidence, or no level of evidence.
- 11. Coordination and continuity of services from WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy; timely response when care, treatment, services, and/or equipment is needed or requested; and to be informed in a timely manner of impending discharge/transfer.
- 12. Receive in advance of services being provided, complete verbal or written explanations of expected payments from Medicare or any other third-party payer, charges for which you may be responsible, and explanation of all forms you are requested to sign.

- **13.** Receive quality medications and services that meet or exceed professional and industry standards regardless of race, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, sexual identity, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, ancestry, political affiliation, social or economic status, age, disease process, DNR status, disability in accordance with physician orders, or other characteristic protected by federal or state law.
- 14. Receive medications and services from qualified personnel and to receive instructions and education on safely handling and taking medications.
- Receive information regarding your order status.
 Patients or caregivers can call: 304-285-7216 or toll free at: 1-844-988-7216 and speak with a pharmacy employee.
- 16. Participate in decisions concerning the nature and purpose of any technical procedure that will be performed and who will perform it; the possible alternatives and/or risks involved; your right to refuse all or part of the services; and to be informed of expected consequences of any such action based on the current body of knowledge.
- 17. Confidentiality and privacy of all the information contained in your records and of protected health information (except as otherwise provided for by law or third-party payer contracts).
- 18. If desired, to be referred to other healthcare providers within an external healthcare system (ex. dietitian, pain specialist, mental health services, pharmacy, etc.). You may also be referred back to your own prescriber for follow up.
- Receive information about to whom and when your personal health information was disclosed, as permitted under applicable law and as specified in the company's policies and procedures.
- 20. Express dissatisfaction/concerns/complaints for lack of respect, treatment, or service and to suggest changes in policy, staff, or services without discrimination, restraint, reprisal, coercion, or unreasonable interruption of services. Patients or caregivers can call: 304-285-7216 or toll free at: 1-844-988-7216 and ask to speak with a pharmacist or supervisor.

- 21. Have concerns/complaints/dissatisfaction about services that are (or fail to be) resolved in a timely manner.
- 22. Be informed of any financial relationships of the pharmacy.
- 23. Be offered assistance with any eligible internal programs that help with patient management services, manufacturer co-pay and patient assistance programs, health plan programs (tobacco cessation programs, disease management, pain management, suicide prevention/behavioral health programs).
- 24. Be advised of pharmacy number: 304-285-7216 or toll free at: 1-844-988-7216 for after hours as well as normal business hours of Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm EST.
- 25. Be advised of any change in the plan of service before the change is made.
- 26. Participate in the development and periodic revision of the plan of care/service.
- 27. Receive information in a manner, format, and/or language that you understand.
- 28. Have family members, as appropriate and as allowed by law, with your permission or the permission of your surrogate decision maker, involved in care, treatment, and/or service decisions.
- 29. Be fully informed of your responsibilities.
- Have the right to decline participation, revoke consent, or disenrollment in any services of WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy at any point in time.
- 31. To be free from mistreatment, neglect, or verbal, mental, sexual, and physical abuse, including injuries of unknown source and misappropriation of client/ patient property.

As a patient, it is your responsibility to:

- Adhere to the plan of treatment or service established by your physician and to notify him/her of your participation in WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy's Patient Management Program.
- 2. Adhere to WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy's policies and procedures.
- 3. Submit any forms necessary to participate in the program, to the extent required by law.
- 4. Participate in the development of an effective plan of care/treatment/services.
- 5. Provide, to the best of your knowledge, accurate and complete medical and personal information necessary to plan and provide care/services.
- 6. Ask questions about your care, treatment, and/or services.
- 7. Have clarified any instructions provided by company representatives.
- Communicate any information, concerns, and/or questions related to perceived risks in your services and unexpected changes in your condition.
- Be available to receive medication deliveries, notify WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy if you are unavailable for scheduled delivery times, and coordinate with WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy during times you will be unavailable.
- 10. Treat pharmacy personnel with respect and dignity without discrimination regardless of race, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, sexual identity, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, ancestry, political affiliation, social or economic status, age, disease process, DNR status, disability in accordance with physician orders, or other characteristic protected by federal or state law.
- **11.** Provide a safe environment for the organization's representatives to provide services.
- Use medications according to instructions provided, for the purpose it was prescribed, and only for/on the individual to whom it was prescribed.
- Communicate any concerns on ability to follow instructions provided.
- 14. Pay all co-pays as required by insurance coverage and promptly settle unpaid balances except where contrary to federal or state law.
- **15.** Notify WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy of change in prescription or insurance coverage, physician, or physical condition.
- Notify WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy immediately of address or telephone changes, temporary or permanent.

Customer Information:

After-Hour Services:

WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy's normal business number

(304-285-7216) or toll-free number (1-844-988-7216) will direct you to a voicemail box for after hour emergency questions or situations. A pharmacist will return your call 24 hours/7 days a week. You may leave a message for non-urgent manners or refill request at any time by following designated prompts.

Complaint Procedure:

- You have the right and responsibility to express concerns, complaints, or dissatisfaction about services you
 receive or fail to receive without fear of reprisal, discrimination, or unreasonable interruption of services.
 Call WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy at: 304-285-7216 or toll free at: 1-844-988-7216, and ask to
 speak with a supervisor or pharmacist during regular business hours or the company representative if you
 are calling outside of regular business hours, including weekends and holidays.
- 2. The formal grievance procedure of WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy ensures that your concerns/complaints will be reviewed and an investigation started within 5 business days of receipt of the concern/complaint. Every attempt shall be made to resolve all grievances within 14 days. You will be informed in writing of the resolution of the grievance. If more time is needed to resolve the concern/complaint, you will also be informed verbally and in writing.
- 3. If you feel the need to discuss your concerns, dissatisfaction, or complaints with a party other than WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy staff, you may file a complaint with Consumer Services with the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, Accreditation Commision for Health Care or the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission.

A signed complaint should be mailed or faxed to:

West Virginia State Board of Pharmacy 2310 Kanawha Blvd E. Charleston, WV 25311 Phone: 304-558-0558 Fax: 304-558-0572 Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm Email: boardofpharmacy@wv.gov For the complaint form, visit: www.WVBOP.com

Accreditation Commission for Health Care

139 Weston Oaks Ct. Cary, NC 27513 Phone: 855-937-2242 Fax: 919-785-3011 www.ACHC.org



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Utilization Review Accreditation Commission

1220 L Street NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202-216-9010 www.URAC.org



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