PATIENT REGISTRATION and CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

CONSENT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES. I, suffering from a condition requiring inpatient or outpatient hospital medical care, hereby voluntarily consent to the rendering of care, which may include routine hospital services, diagnostic procedures, medical treatment, or other hospital care and services as the attending physician or others holding clinical privileges at Rio Grande Hospital (the "Hospital") consider necessary, and performed by the employees and staff of the hospital and/or physicians, and allied health professionals providing services at the Hospital.

PAYMENT AGREEMENT: I understand that there is no guarantee or reimbursement or payment from any insurance company or other payor. I acknowledge full financial responsibility for, and agree to pay, all charges of the Hospital and of physicians rendering services not otherwise paid by my health insurance or other payor.

All charges are due and payable upon receipt of the bill. I agree to pay all reasonable legal expenses necessary for the collection of any debt. I understand that any refund that I may be owed will be forwarded to the address on file with the Hospital.

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION: I give my consent for the hospital and my physicians to release information from my medical records according to the categories listed in the Hospital Notice of Privacy Practices. By checking one of the boxes below, I acknowledge:

[ ] I have received the Notice of Privacy Practices [ ] I already have a copy [ ] I have refused receipt of the Notice of Privacy Practices

ASSIGNMENT OF INSURANCE BENEFITS: I authorize and direct that payment of any insurance or health care benefits otherwise payable to me for health care services or goods be made directly to the Hospital and my physicians, to include any hospital-based radiologists, pathologists, anesthesiologists and emergency department physicians. I understand that I am financially responsible to the Hospital or my physicians for charges not covered or paid pursuant to this authorization.

PREAUTHORIZATION: I understand that it is my sole responsibility to obtain preauthorization and to comply with all the requirements any medical insurance plan may have, under which I am relying for coverage of the hospital's charges.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID: I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s) is correct. I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I authorize payment of medical benefits directly to the hospital on my behalf for services rendered.

PERSONAL VALUABLES: The Hospital maintains a safe for the safekeeping of any money or valuables and assumes no liability for the loss of, or damage to personal belongings such as money, jewelry, dentures, or other valuables unless deposited in such safe. I take full responsibility for any money or property retained in my possession/room or brought to me while I am a patient at the Hospital.

OTHER: Has your Insurance/Medicare/Medicaid status changed since your last visit? YES NO
Is today's visit the result of an accident? YES NO
Will today's visit result in a Workman's Compensation Claim? YES NO

(INPATIENT ONLY FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS):

Do you have an advance directive? YES NO
[ ] Living Will [ ] Health Care proxy [ ] Durable Medical Power of Attorney
If NO, written information about advance directives given YES NO REFUSED
Are you an organ donor? YES NO
Copy of "Patients Rights/Responsibilities" given YES NO REFUSED NA
Copy of "Patient Access to Medical Records" policy given YES NO REFUSED NA

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND HAVE RECEIVED A COPY HEREOF, I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM THE PATIENT, OR PERSON DULY AUTHORIZED EITHER BY THE PATIENT OR OTHERWISE, TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT, CONSENT TO, AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS.

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DATE TIME PATIENT/ AUTHORIZED PERSON SIGNATURE (relationship to patient)

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DATE TIME WITNESS SIGNATURE