



## WELCOME

To Our Valued Patients:

Thank you for choosing Holistic Medical Services (HMS) to help you meet your medical needs. Our staff pledges to be committed to providing you with the best possible professional and compassionate care. We care for and support our patients like family which means our goal is to help aid you with receiving the most excellent integrative care with a primary focus on natural medicine.

For new patients we typically spend time on your first appointment getting to know you, reviewing your history and medical records, and performing a physical exam. In order to formulate the most favorable treatment plan, it is important that all history and pertinent information be available during the visit. \*\* This provides the tools for HMS to build an in-depth understanding of your specific medical concerns based on the information you share with us during your visit, tailoring a laboratory testing panel and treatment plan unique to you.

*\*Holistic Medical Services Inc., Holistic Medical Services, HMSI, and HMS will be used interchangeably throughout this document*

\*\*It is imperative that you fill out all new patient paperwork before coming to your appointment; otherwise, we may need to reschedule. We understand the history form is quite exhaustive, but it is essential that it be available in advance, so you are able to receive the best care as the practitioner invests their time reviewing it prior to your scheduled appointment. Please plan ahead to spend approximately one hour filling out this paperwork prior to your arrival at HMS.

# HOLISTIC MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.

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## **HMS PRACTICE PROTOCOL and POLICIES**

*Our team at Holistic Medical Services are dedicated to assisting you with promoting your health. To assist in this process the following information is listed for your reference.*

### **Scheduling**

Initial appointments and testing at HMS may take several hours. We attempt to coordinate comprehensive medical assessments and testing needs in advance of your initial visit to the extent possible. If you are asked to arrive fasting for tests, drink only water during your fast to help assure you are well hydrated to help make your blood draw easier. Bring a snack to eat when your tests are completed. \*Please also bring a photo ID with you on your first visit.

### **Insurance**

*HMS is an out-of-network provider and does not work with or accept private health insurance or Medicare of any kind.* You can check “Out-of-Network” benefits by calling your insurance company. HMS provides all patients with itemized walkout statements that include diagnostic and procedure codes for patients to file the received services with their private health insurer. These are given at checkout.

### **Legal Representation**

HMS is not able to treat patients requiring medical representation in any legal cases as this process interferes with our ability to provide optimal medical care. If you will require a physician’s help in legal matters, we can provide you with resources for alternate doctors to help you.

### **Deposits for New Patients**

Because initial office visits are lengthy, and many HMS patients may live out of state or long distances from the clinic, we are often unable to re-schedule missed appointments on short notice. As such, we require a credit card number upon scheduling to hold a \$50.00 deposit for your first appointment.

### **Appointment Cancellations**

Twenty-four hours’ advance notice of cancellation is required to avoid the cancellation fee. HMS’ business days are Monday through Thursday, 9am – 5pm. HMS charges a \$150.00 fee to new and established patients who do not give HMS a 24-hour cancellation notice, and who decide to cancel the day of an appointment or do not show up to a scheduled office visit. Patients arriving late may need to wait until other scheduled patients are seen so to be considerate of others time; or the patient may need to be rescheduled. This is policy is in place as last-minute cancellations this takes away from our team being able to treat another patient.

### **Emergencies**

HMS physicians do not provide primary care services and do not provide services outside of regularly scheduled office hours. HMS patients are expected to maintain access to their primary care physician for after-hours care. *Patients are seen by appointment only; we are unable to see walk-ins.* For medical emergencies, we advise you to go to your local urgent care center, emergency room, or call 911.

### **Return Policy**

Unopened nutritional supplements with an intact factory seal can be returned within 30 days of purchase for a full refund, after that we will not refund supplements. Special order supplements, food, and drinks cannot be returned or refunded.

Prescriptions are nonrefundable or returnable. Unused and intact lab kits can be returned within 30 days of purchase for a full refund, minus a \$25 restocking fee. Lab kits returned after 30 days and within 2 months after the date of purchase will be refunded at 50 percent of cost. Lab kits returned more than 2 months from the date of purchase are not eligible for a refund.

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## **Cell Phones**

As many of our patients have extreme sensitivities, we request that cell phones be turned off during doctor appointments. Please be courteous and discreet and keep calls short if you use your cell phone in the clinic.

## **Fees and Payment Options**

All payment is due at the time of services rendered. Please note that all payments for services rendered, with the inclusion of ordered labs, are final. We accept cash, personal checks, all major credit cards, and CareCredit.

## **Returned Checks**

A \$30 fee will be charged per check returned due to insufficient funds.

## **Appointments for IV Services**

Appointments are required to receive IV drips. Patients walking in without appointments will receive services after scheduled patients have their IVs started.

## **Fees for Unused IV Bottles**

IVs at HMS are mixed individually the morning of the appointment. Once the IV is prepared, it is usable on that day only. Patients who cancel the appointment after the IV has been mixed must pay the full amount.

## **Weather and Travel Considerations**

We ask that all patients try to arrive 10 minutes prior to their scheduled appointments. All things considered, please remember that we are located in Atlanta and that on certain days or times traffic may interfere with the amount of time it takes to arrive. As such, please take that into consideration when driving to our location.

## **Phone Calls and Emails**

Questions in between office visits are most efficiently communicated to HMS staff by e-mail or telephone. Keeping questions brief and to the point helps us help you. Complicated, lengthy, or urgent matters are not appropriate fore-mails or phone calls. Complex health issues require an office visit. Questions will be addressed while respecting the need of scheduled patients to have office visits free of interruptions. There may be a fee at the physician's discretion for lengthy or involved calls or e-mails or for letters that require physician or staff time.

## **Fragrances/Smoking**

Because of our chemically sensitive population of patients that may experience serious reactions to the chemicals in perfumes and other fragrances, for their safety, we kindly ask that you and those who accompany you on your visit to HMS avoid using fragrances and products that contain them. HMS is a smoke-free, tobacco-free facility.

*All policies are subject to change without advance notification. Please contact our office staff if you have questions regarding HMS policies.*

For established clients, phone consults can occasionally be offered in lieu of office visits at the physician's discretion, usually if distance from our office is a concern. Our approach to wellness often involves intensive intervention at the start of treatment, and you may not receive all the benefits of your individual treatment plan if you cannot be available for in-office visits. At minimum, prepare to be seen at least twice a year for follow-up after this first 3-6-month period. You must make a physical visit in the office annually in order to continue medical care.

*Congratulations on your commitment to improved health! We look forward to serving you*

**Personal Information**

(Please Complete ALL FORMS PRIOR to Your Appointment)

TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT NAME: LAST \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #s: HOME (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

WORK (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EXT. \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

*By giving us your e-mail address, you are authorizing us to send information to you; your e-mail will not be shared.*DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ SEX  F  M SOCIAL SECURITY # ----- \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By (how did you hear about us): \_\_\_\_\_ First Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRING PHYSICIAN \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS  SINGLE  DIVORCED  LEGALLY SEPARATED PARTNER MARRIED (SPOUSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_)  WIDOWED  UNKNOWN

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EXT \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL HISTORY FORM

**CURRENT HEALTH CONCERNS:** Please list your chief health complaint(s) in order of importance:

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What are you hoping to gain from your consultation with HMS?

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**ANCESTRY OF PATIENT’S PARENTS:** (example: Scotch-Irish or French-English or American Indian)

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Medications:**

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**Current Supplements:**

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**Allergies:**

**Drugs**

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**Foods**

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**Environmental (e.g., pollen)**

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Tested Y/N

Tested Y/N

**Drug Reaction:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Food Reaction:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envi. Typical Reaction:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had the COVID-19 vaccine? Y / N      If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Medical History:**

**Have you had any of the following medical issues?**

Denote anything you currently have or once had during the listed time periods and state your approximate AGE when you had it.

Condition	Yes	No	Current treatment	Date Began	Date Resolved
ADD/ADHD					
Alcoholism/Drug addiction					
Allergies					
Anemia					
Anorexia/Bulimia					

Anxiety					
<b>Condition</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Current treatment</b>	<b>Date Began</b>	<b>Date Resolved</b>
Arthritis					
Asthma					
Attention/Concentration problems					
Autoimmune Disease Type					
Autoimmune disease					
Bronchitis, asthma, or pneumonia (please circle)					
Cancer & the Type:					
Chemical Sensitivities					
Chronic Fatigue					
Crohn's disease/Colitis					
Dairy intolerance					
Dental: Root canals/Fillings/Implants					
Depression					
Diabetes/Blood sugar disorder					
Difficulty learning					
Diverticulitis					
Ear infections					
Eczema					
Fever blisters					
Fibromyalgia					
Frequent colds or flu					
GERD/reflux					
Gluten intolerance					
Headache: Sinus/Tension/Migraine					
Heart disease					
Hemorrhoids					
Hepatitis/Liver disorder					
Hiatal hernia					
High # of absences from school/work					
High Blood Pressure					
High Cholesterol					
Hyperactivity behavior problems					
Infectious mononucleosis					
Irritable Bowel Syndrome					
Lyme Disease					
Menopause					
Mental Illness & type:					
Mononucleosis					
Muscle or joint problems					
Obesity					
Ovarian Cysts (PCOS)					
Premature graying of hair					
Prostate Disease					

Psoriasis					
Recurrent Strep infections					
Seasonal allergies/Hay fever					
Seizures/Convulsions/Tremors					
Sexually transmitted diseases					
Significant weight gain/loss					
Sinusitis					
Skin: Rash/Acne/Eczema/Hives					
Thyroid Disease: hyper or hypo					
Tonsillitis					
Ulcers of stomach or small intestine					
Upset stomach/Indigestion/Stomach pain					
Vaginal Infections					
Yeast/Fungal infections					
Other:					

Current Height \_\_\_\_\_

Current Weight \_\_\_\_\_

**If female: Do you have any of the following:**

Irregular menstrual cycles?	Yes	No
Extreme heavy bleeding or cramping with menstrual cycles?		
Extremely light bleeding with cycles?		
Breast tenderness as part of PMS symptoms?		
Sugar cravings or mood swings as part of PMS symptoms?		

Have you been pregnant? Yes No If yes, ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If no, have you tried to get pregnant without success? Yes No

When was your last Menstrual Cycle? Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last: Pap \_\_\_\_\_ Mammogram \_\_\_\_\_ Bone Density \_\_\_\_\_

Have you used birth control pills? Yes No If yes, how long \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for birth control pills (circle which apply):

*Pregnancy Prevention*

*Excessive Bleeding*

*Other: \_\_\_\_\_*

Age periods began: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of periods now or when menstruating: \_\_\_\_\_

How often periods occur now and/or previously? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had the following? If yes, please also give age(s). (Example: "ages 13-16" or "56 to present")

Water retention/swelling	Y	N	Age:		Breast swelling	Y	N	Age:	
Fibrocystic breasts	Y	N	Age:		Loss of libido	Y	N	Age:	

Premenstrual mood swings	Y	N	Age:		Depression	Y	N	Age:	
Fat deposits in hips/thighs	Y	N	Age:		Weight gain	Y	N	Age:	
Irregular menses	Y	N	Age:		Endometriosis	Y	N	Age:	
					Uterine fibroids	Y	N	Age:	

If menopausal, at what age did periods become irregular or cease? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT)? Y N What age(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

How long on HRT? \_\_\_\_\_ Any side effects from HRT? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had vaginal infections? Y N What age(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind? Bacterial Yeast Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any abnormal pap smears? Y N Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had abnormal mammograms? Y N Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnancies including abortions & miscarriages	Age at time	Problems with pregnancy or delivery	Birth date (Or gestational time at miscarriage)	Birth weight	How long ON birth control before trying to conceive	How long OFF birth control before conception

**If male: Do you have any of the following:**

Yes	No
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Problems attaining/maintaining an erection		
Difficulty with urination including decreased stream or increased frequency?		

**Family Medical History:**

Mother's age (at death if deceased): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any medical conditions including mental: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's age (at death if deceased): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any medical conditions including mental: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings' ages and medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other family members with chronic health conditions (e.g.-diabetes, heart disease, thyroid disease, mental illness): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dental history:** Please circle those that apply: Mercury filling(s) / Tooth Abscess(es) / Root Canal(s)



**PRIMARY COMPLAINT(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Appx. date of onset:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Symptoms began:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gradually:** \_\_\_ **Suddenly** \_\_\_\_\_

### Recent Healthcare

List any other physicians who have treated you in the last five years and the health problem for which you were treated. (Do not include colds and uncomplicated influenza)

Year	Physician Name/City	Specialty	Health Problem

### Major Hospitalizations / Surgeries / Accidents

Write in any hospitalizations you have had for serious medical illnesses, accidents, or surgeries below. (Do not include uncomplicated childbirth; use additional page if necessary)

Year/Your age	Operation/Illness	Results/Benefits/Complications

### FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 ONLY: Immunizations (Vaccinations) Record:

DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus)	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
Booster (usually DT)	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
Polio injection	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
Polio oral	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
HBV (Hepatitis B Vaccine)	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
Flu Shots	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
Frequent Antibiotic Use	Age(s):		Any reactions?	
Other:	Age(s):		Any reactions?	

Was Tylenol, ibuprofen, or another medication given before or after the immunizations?      Y or N

Further comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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### LIFESTYLE FACTORS (ALL PATIENTS):

List foods you loved and foods you hated as a child: \_\_\_\_\_

List foods you love (and crave) and foods you hate now: \_\_\_\_\_

Any history of alcohol abuse? Y N If yes, what ages & for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you ever drink before noon? Y N

Any history of drug abuse? Y N If yes, what ages & for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

What types of drugs were/are abused? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per week do you usually work? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you overly tired at end of day? Y N

Do you exercise regularly? Y N If yes, how often & how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of the following prevent you from exercising? Please Circle.

Pain                      Fatigue                      Poor Health                      Lack of Time                      Lack of Interest

Sleep: # of hours \_\_\_\_\_ Do you snore? Y N Feel rested after sleep? Y N Daytime sleepiness? Y N

Please circle any of the following substances that you use regularly: Tobacco / Alcohol / Coffee / Recreational Drugs

What does your diet consist of (please list what you eat on a normal day): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you trying to follow any particular diet system (please list any diet you follow)? Y N

If yes, what diet do you follow? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all FULL-TIME jobs you've held for more than one year from young adulthood to the present and explain any chemical or toxic exposures you may have had at each job. (If necessary, add separate sheet):

Age	Type of business position held	Any toxic chemicals you wereexposed to accidentally?	Types of protective gear worn	Water leaks or other reasons for mold?

Please circle any other stresses or exposures experienced occupationally:

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|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Computer screen              | High-intensity noise | Excessive heat or cold    | Fumes/Dusts   |
| Frequent x-rays/radiation    | Metal dusts          | Natural or other gas fuel | Tobacco smoke |
| Emotional stress/Work stress | High-voltage power   |                           |               |

Do you feel that any of the above jobs where you worked contributed to your health problems? If so, please explain:

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## **PRIMARY CARE UNDERSTANDING**

Holistic Medical Services, Inc. is **not** a “Primary Care Practice.” Our focus is instead on nutritional and environmental influences on illness. As such, you will need to maintain your relationship with your primary care provider or any other specialist you are working with to maintain certain components of your medical care. By signing below, you agree to and understand that any provider at Holistic Medical Services is not your primary care provider. We do not have an “on-call” physician and are not available for medical emergencies outside of office hours.

I understand that my primary care physician and other necessary providers must handle routine medical needs and any medical emergencies.

My primary care physician is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, and Phone

My specialist is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, and Phone

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

Our ultimate goal at Holistic Medical Services is to improve the health and promote the wellbeing of our patients by engaging in a comprehensive assessment of medical history, symptomatic expression, laboratory reports, and discussions during in-office consultations. This process, while well-worth the effort, requires a great deal of time for counseling, listening, and conversation, and as a result, only a small number of patients can be seen each day. Despite this, we do try to help as many people as possible.

Experience has shown that, for us, preparing for and participating in legal processes diminishes our ability to take part in the healthcare of our patients. For this reason, we are not able to provide treatment to anyone requiring legal representation from a physician. There are a few integrative practitioners in other offices who do choose to provide medical representation in legal cases and who may be able to help you. You are welcome to contact us for referrals.

In signing this page, you acknowledge:

1. Your full awareness that we do not admit patients needing medical legal representation;  
and
2. You do not require this service.

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Letter of Understanding Regarding Email Responses & Emergency Emails**

E-mail is becoming a more common and accepted method of exchange of information in the medical field. While we have utilized e-mail in communicating with patients, e-mail is typically not the medically preferred method of communication. By signing this letter of understanding, you acknowledge that you have been informed of this policy and that if you choose to e-mail and wait for a response, you do so at your own risk and agree to hold Holistic Medical Services, its employees, and the practitioners harmless for complications that may arise indirectly or directly from an unanswered e-mail.

Staff members attempt to help patients with simple questions via e-mail, but this is not ideal for most issues. Should you choose to provide updates on your health so that information may be addressed at your next scheduled appointment, we will print your e-mail, and the document will be considered a part of your legal medical chart. Questions that require treatment changes are best addressed during scheduled phone consults or office visits. For any questions requiring a rapid response, the preferred communication is to call the office and speak with one of the staff or doctors. Due to medical/legal constraints, advice pertaining to treatments and diagnoses are generally excluded from e-mail responses. In addition, technology limitations may compromise a response via e-mail, and it should not be relied upon for consistent communication. We prefer that if you desire a rapid response to your questions, you call the office and notify us that you need a reply on the same day as your call when possible.

If you have not received an answer to your e-mail in what you would consider a timely fashion, and you feel your issue is urgent, you should contact the office immediately.

HMS and Optimal Nutrition & Wellness (Dr. Matalone's supplement store) – a division of HMS, will at times send promotional sales emails from our supplement store along with crucial business updates to the email address provided by you. If you choose to unsubscribe from Optimal Nutrition & Wellness emails, then you will also be opting out of HMS emails. However, emails sent directly to and from [info@drmatalone.com](mailto:info@drmatalone.com) will likely remain active. HMS never sends spam or sells patients' information. By signing this document, you are agreeing for HMS to send you emails from HMS and Optimal Nutrition & Wellness.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Letter of Understanding Regarding Emergencies & Prescriptions**

Holistic Medical Services is not structured as an urgent care or emergency department. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have been instructed to go to an urgent care center or an emergency room for emergency issues. As such, any matters such as prescription refills or other routine items should be submitted between Monday and Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Situational Documents

There are times when patients request a letter of justification to their insurance companies for the cost of evaluation and treatments. These requests are difficult to accommodate due to the time involved in generating a complete assessment and the specialized treatment rationale for each patient. As a result, our office policy is that we do not file insurance. You will be provided with evidence of your office visit with our practitioners as well as information regarding the tests that were ordered. A letter from the doctor will incur an extra fee. Your insurance company may or may not reimburse you, depending on your plan's deductible and its policy for out-of-network providers. We regret this policy, but due to the complex nature of most patient illnesses and the detail to which we evaluate these problems, it cannot be avoided.

Disability letters are also difficult and time-intensive to craft for similar reasons and fall under the same policy: time spent = amount billed. The typical rate is \$250 per 60 minutes of your doctor's time needed in researching and composing the document. Our office does **not** participate in workman's compensation claims, nor does it provide depositions for lawsuits filed for any reason. By signing below, you acknowledge you have been informed of these policies and will abide by them when utilizing our facilities and functions.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information & Consent Form

Note: HIPAA laws allow HMS to use your Protected Health Information (PHI) without your written permission for reasons that include the following: contacting you, communicating with other specialists or services to which we have referred you, conducting internal operations related to your medical care, and discussing your health with individuals for whom you have given us written consent.

I understand that HMS may use or disclose my (PHI) for the purposes of carrying out treatment or referrals, prescribing drugs, obtaining payment, evaluating quality of services, and completing any administrative operations related to my treatment or payment. I understand that I have the right, upon written notification, to restrict how my PHI is used and disclosed for diagnosis, treatment, payment, and administrative/healthcare operations unless required by the law. I understand that HMS will consider requests for exemptions on a case-by-case basis but does not have to comply with such requests.

Examples of some instances in which we are required to disclose your PHI include: Public health activities; information regarding victims of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence; health oversight activities; judicial and administrative proceedings; law enforcement purposes; organ donations purposes; research purposes under certain circumstances; national security and intelligence; correctional institutions; and Worker's Compensation. Holistic Medical Services will only use or disclose PHI, except as noted above, consistent with the terms of the authorization.

HMS may need to initiate contact with me regarding my healthcare. I am aware that there is no assurance that messages from HMS will remain secure or private. I consent to receiving messages from HMS regarding my PHI (e.g., appointment reminders, test results, medical advice, etc.) by: *(Check all that apply)*

Voicemail     Answering machine     E-mail     Fax     Posted letter    \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

HMS staff may contact me at my workplace regarding my health care     yes     no    \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

*Message & data rates may apply for text messages depending on your cellular provider and plan*

**Confirmation texts are a no reply message meaning you can confirm your appointment, but HMS staff are unable to respond or receive other messages from the patient.**

My signature below authorizes the designated persons named below to access or discuss PHI with HMS practitioners and their staff regarding my medical condition, diagnosis, treatment, test results, and financial status of my account.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Only myself \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

I hereby freely and willingly consent to the use and disclosure of my information for purposes noted in the most current revisions given by HMS. I understand I retain the right to revoke this consent by notifying HMS in writing at any time.

Please wait to sign this page until someone in the office can witness your signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## INSURANCE INFORMATION

The practice of medicine at the Holistic Medical Services combines both traditional and alternative concepts in medical diagnosis and therapeutics. It is important that there be a clear understanding concerning fees for tests and therapies. You will always be informed of what these tests and/or treatments are, their intended purpose, and the fee schedule.

Insurance companies may reimburse for a portion of the diagnostic procedures and office visits if the individual has out-of-network benefits. However, HMS will never guarantee reimbursement from your insurance provider. Traditional medical treatment modalities should be paid as any other medical facility; however, it is possible that your insurance company deems treatment as an alternative approach and will not pay for services. We are strictly a cash practice and **full** payment is expected at the time of service.

***We are not Medicare/Medicaid providers. The doctors have filed the Opt-Out documents required to be able to treat those with Medicare; however, you will be asked to sign a document of understanding that NO Medicare claims will be filed, whether it be a primary or secondary coverage. Medicare also will not allow you to file claims yourself.***

Each individual is financially responsible for the sum of their services due at the time of service. ***We do not file insurance claims.*** You will be provided with accurate and appropriate documentation for office visits with the providers, lab tests, and services rendered. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you are responsible for payment of services rendered at Holistic Medical Services, Inc. and by Frank P. Matalone, D.O., and there is no guarantee that your insurance company will reimburse you for these procedures and treatments.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***We are a cash practice, meaning that you pay in full at the time of your visit. We provide walkout statements for you to submit to your insurance company for reimbursement. Your contact is with your insurance company and not with Holistic Medical Services, Inc. Once you file your claim, we may NOT be able to provide more information as necessary regarding diagnosis, treatment, etc. upon request of the insurance company.***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informed Consent to Telehealth Services and Holistic Medical Services Telehealth Policies**

*By signing this form, you understand the following:*

This form describes Holistic Medical Services' Telehealth treatment should you decide to schedule a Telehealth appointment in the future. Telehealth treatment is limited at HMS. Telehealth services are rarely offered for new patients as initially being seen in person is vital for your health care plan. Telehealth appointments are occasionally offered to established patients for appointments such as follow ups. Although Telehealth services are occasionally offered, it is vital to schedule an in-office visits once to twice a year for optimal medical care. Please read the following policies which includes:

- Your consent to receive medical treatment from Holistic Medical Services (and your other rights and responsibilities).
- Your agreement to receive services using telehealth technology; and
- Your agreement to pay in full any charges that are your responsibility.

By signing your name at the end of this document for Holistic Medical Services telehealth/telemedicine, you understand and agree that you are signing this Consent electronically and that (i) you have reviewed, understand and accept the risks and benefits of telehealth services as described below and wish to receive such services, and (ii) you agree to the remaining terms of this Consent, including the terms of the Holistic Medical Services Privacy Notice described below.

If signing on behalf of a minor, incapacitated or otherwise legally dependent patient, you certify that you are a person with legal authority to act on behalf of the patient, including the authority to consent to medical services, and you accept financial responsibility for services rendered.

- By using Holistic Medical Services telehealth services, you agree to receive their telehealth/telemedicine services. Telehealth involves the delivery of health care services, including assessment, treatment, diagnosis, and education, using interactive audio, video, and data communications. During your visit, you and your Holistic Medical Services provider will be able to see and speak with each other from remote locations.

You understand and agree that:

- You will not be in the same location or room as the medical provider.
- The Holistic Medical Services provider is licensed in the state in which you are receiving services. You will report your location accurately during registration. \*\*\*All Telehealth services for HMS are licensed in Georgia only.
- Potential benefits of telehealth (which are not guaranteed or assured) include: (i) access to medical care if you are unable to travel to Holistic Medical Services provider's office; (ii) during the COVID-19 pandemic, reduced exposure to patients, medical staff, and other individuals at a physical location.
- Potential risks of telehealth include, but may not be limited to: (i) limited or no availability of diagnostic laboratory, and other testing, and some prescriptions, to assist the medical provider in diagnosis and treatment which allow for appropriate medical decision making by the physician and consultant(s); (ii) provider's inability to conduct a hands-on physical examination of you and your condition; and (iii) delays in evaluation and treatment due to technical difficulties or interruptions, distortion of diagnostic images or specimens resulting from electronic transmission issues, unauthorized access to my information, or loss of information due to technical failures. In very rare instances, security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal medical information; In

rare cases, a lack of access to complete medical records may result in adverse drug interactions or allergic reactions or other judgment errors.

- You will not hold Holistic Medical Services responsible for lost information due to technological failures. As with any medical procedure, there are potential risks associated with the use of telemedicine.
- You further understand that Holistic Medical Services Provider's advice, recommendations, and/or decisions may be based on factors not within his/her control, including incomplete or inaccurate data provided by you as the patient. You understand that Holistic Medical Services provider relies on information provided by you before and during the telehealth encounter and that you must provide information about your medical history, condition(s), and current previous medical care that is complete and accurate to the best of your ability.
- You may discuss these risks and benefits with Holistic Medical Services provider and will be given an opportunity to ask questions about telehealth services. You have the right to withdraw this consent to telehealth services or end the telehealth session at any time without affecting your right to future treatment by Holistic Medical Services, but you will still be responsible for payment to the provider for their time. All Telehealth appointments are billed upon time. **If you do not wish to go over the set time for your appointment, then it is your responsibility to instruct the doctor that you wish to end the call, so you do not go over the time.**
- You understand that the level of care provided by Holistic Medical Services provider is to be the same level of care that is available to you through an in-person medical visit. However, if the provider believes you would be better served by face-to-face services or another form of care, you will be referred to Holistic Medical Services' office, hospital emergency department or other appropriate health care provider.
- You have the right to receive face-to-face medical services at any time by traveling to Holistic Medical Service's medical office. **\*\*In case of an emergency, you will dial 911 or go directly to the nearest hospital emergency room.**

You consent to, understand, and agree that:

- You have the right to discuss the risks and benefits of all procedures and courses of treatment proposed by your health care provider(s), together with any available alternatives.
- Holistic Medical Services will provide care consistent with the prevailing standards of medical practice but makes no assurances or guarantees as to the results of treatment.
- Holistic Medical Services provider will not prescribe opioids, Schedule 2 controlled substances (including stimulant medications used to treat attention deficit disorders), or new prescriptions for benzodiazepines to you during a Telehealth visit.
- The laws of the state in which you are located will apply to your receipt of telehealth services.

I have read and understand all the information provided above regarding telehealth/telemedicine, and all your questions have been answered to your satisfaction. You hereby give your informed consent for the use of future telemedicine

Signature of Patient (or person authorized to sign for patient): \_\_\_\_\_

If authorized signer, relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

*Please read over this section carefully and thoroughly as it will probably answer more than 90% of your questions.*

Upon your arrival at HMS, you will check in at the front desk and turn in your “Medical History” and signature forms. It is CRUCIAL that all paperwork be filled out before arriving for your appointment time as it takes approximately one hour to fill out. You may be asked to reschedule your appointment if your paperwork is incomplete. If for any reason you have difficulty downloading and printing the forms, we will have them available in our office for you to pick up and fill out any time prior to your appointment. As a friendly reminder, please make certain that the new patient paperwork is submitted to our office 48 hours prior to your appointment. This allows our doctor to review your history and begin to prepare a treatment plan tailored specifically for you.

After collecting your paperwork, our staff will take your vitals and then escort you to an exam room.

Your doctor will be in to assess your history and add or make changes to your completed patient questionnaire. This takes approximately 90-120 minutes. Based on this history, your office visit, and a brief physical exam, a discussion of an initial treatment plan will follow. If your testing involves urine, saliva, or stool collections, we will send kits home with you to collect the specimen and then mail it off in prepaid FedEx, UPS, or Priority Mail envelopes. The results take 2-3 weeks from the time the lab receives the specimen.

After the consultation ends, a medical assistant or staff member will enter shortly afterward to go over the doctor’s recommendations and the costs of each recommended test.

Next you will be taken to the lab for blood to be drawn if necessary. We will also provide any take-home test kits at this time if your doctor recommends them.

If provocation/neutralization allergy testing is recommended, we may be able to start this at your initial visit. Allergy testing can take as short a time as one hour or as long as one or several days. We test only one food or inhalant at a time, finding the proper neutralizing dose before moving on to the next allergen. This is time-consuming but extremely accurate and individualized for you.

Additionally, our office has an alternate and increasingly popular treatment known as Low Dose Antigen Immunotherapy (LDA). This treatment requires special dietary preparation and must be scheduled for a subsequent visit. More information about both types of allergy treatment will be provided to you if appropriate at the time of your visit.

You will need two follow-up appointments. The first takes place about two weeks after the initial consultation, which allows enough time for the lab results to arrive at our office for analysis. You will receive a call from us when we have this information to give a brief overview of the results in preparation for the visit, during which we will provide a copy of the report, discuss the findings in detail, and use the data to complete your treatment plan. The third appointment generally occurs after one or two months, depending on the course of your therapy. This visit will be used to assess your body’s response to your treatment and make any changes or adjustments if necessary. All subsequent consultations regarding labs and other services cost a fee as the patient is billed upon time with the doctor. You may call our office for lab review, lab interpretation, and consultation fees. Appointments such as consultations and the like are always billed upon time. Moreover, if IV therapy is part of the treatment plan, more intensive follow-up may be required during this period between the second and third appointments. The wait time for any appointments beyond the third will be determined at the end of each visit.

Maintenance of certain treatments over time may require updated lab work and office visits every six months or one year.

I have read and agree to ALL the aforementioned information included in this entire document.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If authorized signer, relationship to patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_