



Payment Agreement

Thank you for choosing Ahimsa Therapeutics as your physical therapy provider. Before we begin services, please sign below indicating you have read, understand and agree to the following payment policies.

- You agree to be financially responsible for all charges regardless of any applicable insurance or benefit payments, third-party interest, or the resolution of any legal action or lawsuits in which you may be involved.
- Payment is expected at time of service unless you have made other payment arrangements with us.
- **Out-of-Network Policy.** (Commercial Health Plans - Does not apply to Medicare) If you have out-of-network benefits, we will provide you with a copy of your bill that you can, at your discretion, submit to your health plan for reimbursement for the services your health plan covers. You are responsible for contacting your insurance company to determine what your benefits are and obtain any necessary physician referrals and/or pre-authorizations for services. We are not responsible if your health plan denies, in whole or in part, your claims for our services.
- **Medicare Policy (for Medicare Part B).** If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you understand that our licensed physical therapists are not enrolled as Medicare providers. Medicare has onerous technical and administrative requirements that must be met for services to be considered medically necessary covered benefits. We believe those requirements take unnecessary time away from the services we provide. Since we are not enrolled providers, we cannot submit claims to Medicare and Medicare will not pay for our services even though the same services might be paid by Medicare if you obtained them from a Medicare enrolled provider. Therefore, by choosing our services, you are exercising your right to privacy and electing, of your own free will, not to use your Medicare benefits. As such, you are agreeing to pay cash at the time of service for all services you elect to receive from us with no expectation that Medicare or your Medicare Supplemental Insurance Plan will reimburse you. You understand that we will not submit claims to Medicare on your behalf or provide you with a statement or billing codes that you can submit to Medicare yourself. If you want Medicare to pay for services that might be considered covered benefits, you should seek those services from a Medicare enrolled provider. If you decide at any point after you start services with us that you want Medicare to pay for the services it covers, we will be happy to recommend a Medicare enrolled provider and terminate your services with us. You also understand that since we are not enrolled Medicare providers, our services are not subject to Medicare's maximum allowable charge. You agree that you, your caregivers, family members, authorized representatives or power of attorney will not, under any circumstance, submit our claims, invoices, receipts or statements to Medicare for reimbursement or to obtain a denial for a Medicare supplemental insurance plan.
 - **Medicare as a Secondary Payer.** If you have a commercial insurance plan, we will provide you with a copy of your bill that you can, at your discretion, submit to your health plan for reimbursement for the services your health plan covers. However, since we are not Medicare enrolled providers, Medicare will not pay your copays, co-insurance or deductibles as a secondary payer. You understand and agree to carry out whatever procedures are necessary to prevent your commercial insurer from automatically forwarding our bills to Medicare.
 - **Medicare Advantage Plans ("MAP").** We are not in-network with any Medicare Advantage Plans. If your MAP offers out-of-network benefits, we will provide you with a copy of your bill that you can, at your discretion, submit to your MAP for reimbursement for the services your health plan covers. You are responsible for contacting your MAP to determine what your benefits are and obtain any necessary physician referrals and/or pre-authorizations for services. We are not responsible if your MAP denies, in whole or in part, your claims for our services.
- **Privacy Rights.** You have a right to privacy under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that includes restricting disclosure of your records and claims to your health plan, including Medicare, if you pay privately for your services at the time of service. By paying for your services at the time of service, we assume you are exercising this right to privacy we will not disclose your medical records to any third party, including your health insurance carrier or Medicare, unless we have agreed to accept assignment and await payment from your health insurance insurer. If you want your records disclosed to any third party in the future, you will need to obtain and sign our Authorization to Release Protected Health Information form before we will disclose your health information.
- **Appeals Policy.** You understand that you are responsible for filing all appeals of adverse benefit determinations. If you need assistance filing an appeal with your health plan, contact the consumer assistance agency on your denial letter.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THESE PAYMENT TERMS.

X _____ Date: _____

Signature of Patient and/or Guardian

X _____ Date: _____

Signature of Provider Representative

A photocopy of this agreement is to be considered valid, the same as if it was the original.