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Patient Portal Authorization Agreement

Patient Name: _____
(Last Name, First & Middle Name)

DOB: _____
(month / day / year)

Email Address: _____

Barry Shibuya M.D. Inc. offers secure electronic access to your medical record and secure electronic communications between our office and YOU through our Patient Portal. Secure messaging can be a valuable communication tool but certain pre-cautions should be used to minimize risks. In order to manage these risks, we have imposed some terms and conditions of participation in this voluntary "free" service for now.

Protecting Your Private Health Information:

Patient Portal has a secure tunnel connection with our clinic that uses **encryption** (a form of electronic security) to prevent unauthorized persons from accessing your health information or communication to us. Secure messages and information can only be read by someone who knows the **portal user ID** and correct **password** to log in to the Portal site. Using the connection channel between your computer and website, you can read, view or send information from your computer. It is automatically encrypted in transmission between the website and your computer.

This method of communication and viewing prevents unauthorized parties from being able to access or read messages while they are in transmission. Keeping messages secure also depends on two additional factors: the secure message must reach the correct email address and only the individual (or someone authorized by that individual) must be able to access it. **You are responsible that we have your current email address and you agree to inform us immediately if it changes.** Also safeguard your user name and password. We will not purposefully share your medical and other personal information with a third party unless authorized by you or required by law.

Risks of Using Online Patient Portal Communication:

- *Online communication is easier to falsify than handwritten or sign hard copies.
- *Because online communication may travel much further than you planned, it is easier for your communication to be forwarded, intercepted or even changed without your knowledge.
- *It is more difficult to get rid of an online communication. Backup copies may exist on a computer or cyberspace – even after you've deleted your copies.
- *Online communication is NOT private. This is why we use a secure network (Patient Portal) and avoid using standard email.
- *Online communications are also admissible as evidence in court.
- *Online communications may disrupt or damage your computer if a computer virus is attached.

Conditions of Participation in Patient Portal:

- *Current patients who are at least 18 years of age are eligible to access the Patient Portal.
- *We will provide a user name and a temporary password to each patient who requests participation and has signed our **Patient Portal Authorization Agreement**.
- *You agree not to hold Barry Shibuya M.D., Inc. or any of its staff liable for network or security infractions beyond their control.
- *Access to this secure electronic web portal is a service, and we may suspend or discontinue it at any time and for any reason. If we do suspend/discontinue this service, we will notify you as promptly as we reasonably can.

By signing this form, I understand and accept the risks and agree to the conditions of participation and acknowledge that I wish to enroll in Patient Portal services.

(Patient's signature)

(Date and Time)

For Office Use only: I have received and authenticated the identity of the person named on this authorization form:

Picture ID Person Known to me Other (specify): _____

Pt Account # in e-MDs (10 digit): _____ Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____