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Authorization for the Use and Disclosure of Information to the U.S. Dept of Labor

I understand that my health insurance benefit plan may be governed under the federal rules of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) even though I may not be a retired person. ERISA requires that employers/insurance carriers subject to those rules respond to appeals regarding benefits only from a plan member or a plan member's authorized representative. By signing this form it will allow **Fondren Orthopedic Group, L.L.P.**, your medical provider, to : (1) submit any and all appeals on your behalf when your insurance company denies benefits to which we believe you are entitled, (2) submit a request for benefit information from your insurance company, and (3) initiate formal complaints to the appropriate state or federal agency that has jurisdiction over your plan.

I understand that by signing this form, I am authorizing the use and/or disclosure of my confidential Protected Health Information (PHI), as that term is defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). I hereby authorize release of my confidential PHI by my medical provider, for the purposes stated herein. The information that is used and/or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be redisclosed by the recipient unless the recipient is prohibited from redisclosure by state or federal law.

This authorization must be dated and signed by the patient or a person authorized by law to give this authorization. A copy, electronic or a facsimile transmission of this form shall be deemed the same as the signed original.

Patient's Name

Fondren Account Number

Patient's Signature

Date

If a Legal Representative (or Parent, Guardian, Conservator, or Authorized Representative) signs this authorization on behalf of the patient, complete the following:

Legal Representative's Name

Legal Representative's Signature

Date