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Housel Dermatology, P.C Financial Policy

Thank you for allowing Dr. Housel and the medical providers at Housel Dermatology, P.C. to provide care for your dermatological healthcare needs. The providers at Housel Dermatology, P.C. are committed to the success of your medical treatment and care. Our practice will work with you to help fulfill your payment responsibility. Our billing office will file your primary and secondary medical claims for you. It is imperative that you provide us with accurate insurance information and **EVERY** visit. If you fail to provide the appropriate insurance information you will be considered a **SELF PAY**, and we will make payment arrangements at the time of visit. It is important that you realize that we as a medical provider and you as the insured both have a contract with the insurance company. You may need to assist us if necessary with the reimbursement process. **As the insured you are responsible for any unpaid balance not contractually covered by your insurance.**

HOUSEL DERMATOLOGY P.C. IS NOT A MEDICAID PROVIDER: We are unable to bill any claims to Medicaid even as a secondary insurance.

Medicare: This office participates as a Medicare provider, accepting assignment for Medicare Part B (Physician Services) claims. The patient is responsible for their Medicare coinsurance, deductibles, and any other service rendered that is not covered by Medicare.

Managed Care Plans: In order to see a specialist, some insurance companies require that you obtain a referral from your primary care provider or a precertification before being seen at a specialist's office. It is the patient's responsibility to ensure that we have the necessary paperwork on file to prior to your visit or the patient will be responsible for payment. **ALL COPAYS ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF SERVICE.**

Commercial Plans: Housel Dermatology, P.C. has established fees that are usual and customary for this healthcare service area. Every insurance carrier has their own usual and customary fee schedule; however, the patient is responsible for the fees regardless of the insurance carrier's arbitrary determination of rates.

Non-Covered Services: Some services we provide may not be deemed medically necessary by your insurance carrier or not a covered service benefit by your specific policy, therefore, not paid by your insurance policy. Many cosmetic procedures are not covered by your insurance company i.e. **SKIN TAG REMOVAL**. We cannot bill your insurance for any cosmetic procedures. The patient is responsible for the payment of any cosmetic charge at the time of the visit for ALL services not covered by insurance.

Laboratory Services: Some services such as biopsies and other specimens will be sent to an outside lab for further evaluation and processing. The patient WILL receive a separate bill for these types of services. The laboratory that we send most of the specimens to is Mass General Dermatopathology Services. The phone number to call with any billing questions for pathology specimens at Mass General is 1-855-644-3376. The patient is responsible for any laboratory service that is not covered by insurance.

Self Pay: Patients who do not have insurance coverage are considered self pay. Self pay patients need to make payment arrangements **prior** to being treated at this office.

Payment Arrangements: Housel Dermatology, P.C. may consider payment arrangements for those patients that are in need assistance in meeting their account obligation. Housel Dermatology, P.C. reserves the right to set the terms, conditions, and charge interest for any payment arrangement. The arrangement needs to be made prior to being seen as a patient.

Returned Check Policy: Housel Dermatology, P.C. will charge \$25.00 fee for each check that is returned by our bank for insufficient funds.

Collections: There will be a 40% fee added to any account balance that is sent to collections.

Authorization for Assignment of Benefits: In consideration of medical services provided, with your signature below, Housel Dermatology, P.C. (and/or Mass General Dermatopathology Associates in the case of laboratory services) is given the rights/title/interest to the medical reimbursement in accordance with the terms and benefits of the patient's insurance policy or other health benefits including Medicare Part B. **THE PATIENT WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL CHARGES NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE.**

Cancellations: Appointments must be canceled more than 24 hours in advance. If the patient does not show up for an appointment without 24 hour notice there will be a \$100.00 fee for office visits and \$250.00 fee for surgical procedures.

I have read this financial policy and authorization. I understand that there is no guarantee or assurance as to the results that may be obtained for any treatment. I understand the terms and conditions outlined herein as confirmed by my signature below.

Signature/Date

Printed Patient Name/ Relationship to Patient

Patient Information

Date: _____

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Referred By: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ May we leave a message? ☐ Y ☐ N

Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Employer: _____ Work Number: _____

Ethnic Group:

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Decline

Race:

- ☐ White
- ☐ African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Hispanic



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☐ Other Race

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____
Emergency Phone: _____

Insurance Information

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Holder: _____
Policy Number: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____
Group Number: _____ Policy Holder DOB: _____
Effective Date: _____ Policy Holder SS#: _____

Secondary Insurance

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Holder: _____
Policy Number: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____
Group Number: _____ Policy Holder DOB: _____
Effective Date: _____ Policy Holder SS#: _____

I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under my insurance carrier is correct. I authorize any holder of medical/insurance information about me to release to my physician/insurance information required to process my claims. I understand that to knowingly withhold insurance reimbursement payments for medical services rendered would be committing a wrongful act. I request that reimbursement from my insurance be made payable to the physician's office that rendered services to me. I attest that the information I have given on these forms is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Acknowledgment of Privacy Practices

I understand that, under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information. I understand that this information can and will be used for:

- **Treatment: Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow-up among the multiple healthcare providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly.**
- **Payment: Obtain payment from third-party payers.**
- **Operations: Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physician certification.**

I acknowledge that should I request a copy of Housel Dermatology, P.C.'s privacy practices containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of health information, one will be provided. I

understand that this organization has the right to change its Privacy Practices from time to time and that I may contact this organization at any time to obtain a current copy.

I authorize Dr. Housel/or his staff to discuss my medical condition, including laboratory findings with the following individuals:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Patient Printed Name: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

Medical Practice Use Only

If patient refuses to sign, a good faith effort was made to obtain the patient's or authorized representative's written acknowledgment of Privacy Practices. The reason the patient's or authorized representative acknowledgment was not obtained is as follows:

Documented by: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name: _____ Primary Care Physician: _____
Date: _____ Referring Physician: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

1. Select any of the following medical conditions that you are currently having:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ None | ☐ Hepatitis |
| ☐ Anxiety | ☐ Hypertension |
| ☐ Arthritis | ☐ HIV/AIDS |
| ☐ Asthma | ☐ Hypercholesterolemia |
| ☐ Atrial Fibrillation (Irregular Heartbeat) | ☐ Hyperthyroidism |
| ☐ Bone Marrow Transplant | ☐ Leukemia |
| ☐ BPH | ☐ Lung Cancer |
| ☐ Breast Cancer | ☐ Lymphoma |
| ☐ COPD | ☐ Prostate Cancer |
| ☐ Coronary Artery Disease | ☐ Radiation Treatment |
| ☐ Depression | ☐ Seizures |
| ☐ End Stage Renal Disease | ☐ Stroke |
| ☐ GERD | ☐ Other |
| ☐ Hearing Loss | _____ |



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2. Please List any surgeries or hospitalizations and the dates:

Date	Procedure

3. Have you had any of the following skin conditions?

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ None | ☐ Hay Fever |
| ☐ Acne | ☐ Melanoma |
| ☐ Actinic Keratosis | Year: _____ |
| ☐ Blistering Sunburns | ☐ Squamous Cell Carcinoma |
| ☐ Poison Ivy | ☐ Basal Cell Carcinoma |
| ☐ Eczema (Dy Skin) | ☐ Other _____ |
| ☐ Flaking or Itchy Scalp | |

Do you wear sunscreen? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes, what SPF? _____

Do you tan in a tanning salon? _____

Do you have a family history of Melanoma? ☐ Y ☐ N

If yes, which relatives? _____

4. Do you drink alcohol?

- ☐ None
☐ Less than 1 drink per week
☐ One drink per week
☐ 2-3 drinks per week
☐ 3 or more drinks per week

Do you Smoke?

- ☐ Never Smoker
☐ Former Smoker
☐ Current Smoker
☐ Smokeless tobacco
☐ Cigar

5. Please list any medications you are currently taking, including over-the-counter:

Medication	Dosage	Frequency

6. Do you have any allergies to medications, latex, adhesives, or other sensitivities?

7. Are you experiencing difficulty today with any of the following?

- ☐ None
- ☐ Problems with bleeding
- ☐ Immunosuppression
- ☐ Fever Chills
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Chest pain
- ☐ Unintentional weight loss
- ☐ Night sweats
- ☐ Blurry vision

- ☐ Abdominal pain
- ☐ Muscle weakness
- ☐ Headaches
- ☐ Anxiety
- ☐ Depression
- ☐ Bloody Stool
- ☐ Thyroid problems
- ☐ Other _____

8. Family health history (1st degree relative): (Ex: Heart disease, Cancer, Asthma, Diabetes, Allergies)

9. Please describe the reason for your visit to the dermatologist today, include how long the problem has been present and all treatments:

10. What is your occupation? _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

11. Which Pharmacy do you use? **(PLEASE BE SPECIFIC)**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____