

South West Health Spine & Sport
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NOTICE OF DOCTOR'S LIEN

Patient: _____ Date of Accident: _____

I do hereby authorize _____ to furnish you, my attorney, with a full report of his examination, diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, etc., of myself in regard to the accident in which I was recently involved. I hereby authorize and direct you, my attorney, to pay directly to said doctor such sums as may be due and owing him for the medical service rendered me both by reason of this accident and by reason of any other bills that are due his office and to withhold such sums from any settlement, judgment or verdict as may be necessary to adequately protect and fully compensate said doctor. And I hereby further give a Lien on my case to said doctor against any and all proceeds of my settlement, judgment, or verdict which may be paid to you, my attorney, or myself, as the result of the injuries for which I have been treated or injuries in connection therewith.

I fully understand that I am directly and fully responsible to said doctor for all medical bills submitted by him for service rendered me and that this agreement is made solely for said doctor's additional protection and in consideration of his awaiting payment. And I further understand that such payment is not contingent on any settlement, judgment or verdict by which I may eventually recover said fee. In addition, any med-pay funds disbursed or paid to the law firm for work performed and billed by South West Health Spine & Sport are to be paid directly to the doctor listed on this lien. These funds are to be paid directly to the doctor and shall not be used to compensate the patient for damages or used to pay other providers that have treated this patient. If the Med-Pay funds are not dispersed directly to the doctor for services rendered to the patient, then this lien is null and void.

I agree to promptly notify said doctor of any change or addition of attorney(s) used by me in connection with this accident, and I instruct my attorney to do the same and to promptly deliver a copy of this lien to any such substituted attorney(s).

Please acknowledge this letter by signing below and returning to the doctor's office. I have been advised that if my attorney does not wish to cooperate in protecting the doctor's interest, the doctor will not await payment and may declare the entire balance due and payable.

DATED _____ PATIENT'S SIGNATURE _____

The undersigned being attorney of record for the above patient does hereby agree to observe all the terms of the above and agrees to withhold such sums from any settlement, judgment, or verdict, as may be necessary to adequately protect and fully compensate said doctor above-named. Attorney agrees that any dispute arising under the terms of this agreement will be governed under the laws of the State of California and, further, that any such dispute will be venued in the superior court of the county in which care was performed. Attorney further agrees that in the event this lien is litigated, that the prevailing party will be awarded attorney fees and costs.

DATED _____ ATTORNEY SIGNATURE _____