

**Patient Acknowledgment  
In-Network Benefit Verification**

In-network providers are contracted with insurance companies to provide services at pre-determined rates. Out-of-network providers are not contracted and have not agreed to discounted rates. If you are utilizing an out-of-network provider and/or facility, the cost of care can increase substantially. To ensure you obtain full benefits from your insurance plan, it is important that you contact your insurance company directly to verify in-network coverage so you can make an informed decision about your care.

Due to the number of insurance plans and different networks entering the market, it is important to ask your insurance company about the physician and facility where your services are being performed. North Memorial Ambulatory Surgery Center at Maple Grove (NMASC) tries to verify benefits for all patients but there are times when we may not have the correct information or you are scheduled same-day or next-day and we haven't had time to verify coverage. Therefore, it is very important that you confirm your benefit coverage with your insurance provider.

When you call your insurance company, be sure to have your insurance card available. The insurance company representative may need information from your card to verify your benefits. NMASC will guide you through this process if you have questions. In addition, we have provided a list of questions to ask your insurance company (see back page). We also have provided a list of providers we utilize for services. For example, if a specimen or laboratory test is needed, we have provided the list of laboratories we utilize so you can also verify benefit coverage for these providers.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging it is your responsibility to contact your insurance company directly to verify if the physician/provider and/or facility are considered in-network for your health plan.

Patient/Responsible Party (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PATIENT GUIDE – QUESTIONS TO ASK INSURANCE BEFORE YOUR SURGERY**

1. Are the following providers considered in-network with my health insurance plan?
  - a. North Memorial Ambulatory Surgery Center at Maple Grove
  - b. Your surgeon
  - c. Anesthesiology, P.A. and Maple Grove Anesthesia Services
  
2. Does my procedure require a prior authorization from the physician for it to be covered?
  
3. Does my procedure require a referral or any sort of documentation to assure it is covered?
  
4. What are my anticipated out-of-pocket costs?
  - a. What is my deductible?
  - b. What is my coinsurance?
  - c. What is my copay?
  - d. What is my out-of-pocket maximum?