

## **Health Services Agreement**

This agreement is entered into between Carington Health Services (CHS), a primary medical care medical practice, and you. "You" a person who is seeking medical care from CHS, or you are a legal representative or guardian of a minor seeking said care. By "minor," it is meant a person under the age of 16. "The patient" applies to any person seeking said care. CHS provides said care through a "Provider," in this case, Saleh R Shahid, MD, a Doctor of Medicine duly licensed by, and in good standing within the state of Tennessee.

**You agree that you are not enrolled or enrolling as a beneficiary of Medicare.**

### **Scope of Service**

Provider will provide medical care to the patient for a single visit, according to the standard of care for his profession, utilizing whatever resources are available to him at the time of the visit, and that he deems appropriate based on his professional judgement and discretion.

Provider and You agree to terminate the provider-patient relationship at the end of the visit. Provider will continue to be available to you for 30 days after the visit by electronic communication for consultation on urgent matters. You can renew and reset this relationship at any time by purchasing another visit.

It is the policy of CHS and the provider not to prescribe opioid pain medicine, and to limit the use of other controlled substances believed to have a higher risk of complications, misuse, dependency, or diversion.

### **Non-participation in insurance**

You acknowledge that CHS does not participate in any health insurance or HMO plans or panels. CHS makes no representation that the fees paid under this agreement are covered by the patient's health insurance or other third-party payment plans.

## Communications

While CHS takes reasonable precautions to protect the privacy of your health information (see our Notice of Privacy Practices), you acknowledge that communications with Provider or CHS employees using e-mail, facsimile, video chat, cell phone, texting, and other forms of electronic communication can never be absolutely guaranteed to be secure or confidential methods of communication. As such, **You expressly waive the obligation of Provider and CHS to guarantee confidentiality with respect to the above means of communication.** You further acknowledge that all such communications may become part of the medical record.

## Severability

If any provision in the agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction, the parties desire and agree that the remaining provisions of the agreement will nevertheless continue to be valid and enforceable.

## No Rule of Strict Construction

The language of this agreement will be deemed to have been approved by all parties, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any party.

## Governing Law

This agreement will be construed in accord with, and any dispute or controversy arising from any breach or asserted breach of this agreement by the laws of the State of Tennessee.

**Do you wish to receive a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices? Yes  No**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_