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HMO/POS/EPO REFERRALS

With your HMO/POS/EPO plan you are required to stay within our network of physicians. This would include many local specialists, Lowell General Hospital and Tufts Medical Center in Boston. When you go outside your primary care physician’s network, this referral will have to be authorized by the IPA before we can approve it. If you have a past medical history with the doctor you are requesting the referral for, then this office is more likely to get the approval. If the referral is denied by the IPA all appointments will become and out of pocket expense for you. If you are looking for a second opinion after seeing the doctors in our network, they may approve 1 visit so you can obtain that 2nd opinion. Usually if they approve the referral for 2nd opinion (it’s only 1 visit), they will then suggest seeing a doctor in our network to follow you if you require surgery.

ABOUT REFERRALS

This office is part of NEQCA and the IPA. We only refer our patients to doctors who also part of this program and in our network. Mainly local doctors and the Boston area hospital would be Tufts Medical Center. Some patients have come to us with a prior relationship with a doctor not in network and because of the "prior relationship" we are able to do a referral. When our patient's see specialists and are then referred to another doctor by them it is the patient's responsibility to check with us to see if they are in network and a referral can be done. The insurance company should also be letting patient’s know we are part of this program and certain doctors are in the network.

A visit to a specialist without office consent could result in a bill.

I understand the details of my insurance carrier and know which services require referrals.

Patient Name: _____

Patient signature: _____

Date: _____