

(Office Only) MRN: _____

PATIENT NAME: _____

DOB: ___/___/___ AGE: ___ SEX: M / F

DATE: ___/___/___

DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BEGIN IMMUNOTHERAPY

Immunotherapy is a common treatment indicated for allergic rhinitis (hay fever) and asthma. My physician has explained the risks and benefits regarding immunotherapy, and has recommended this treatment for me or my child. I understand that immunotherapy is a series of injections (subcutaneous immunotherapy or SCIT, allergy shots) or a series of drops (sublingual immunotherapy or SLIT, allergy drops) that may or may not be covered by my insurance. It is my responsibility to verify coverage with my insurance.

At this time I would like to begin, or would like my child to begin immunotherapy. I understand that ALL injections will need to be administered in a physician's office.

Provider (circle one): **Tammy Jacobs, MD** / **Joshua Burkhardt, DO**

Please circle one: **SCIT (allergy shots)** **SLIT (allergy drops)**

<u>Serum:</u>	SCIT (shots) CPT code: 95165	SLIT (drops, NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE)
One vial:	\$350	\$110 per month
Two vials:	\$700	\$220 per month
Three vials:	\$1050	\$330 per month

*Optional: Rush Immunotherapy (RIT) Protocol CPT code: 95180 - \$295/injection (6, 12, or 18 injections depending 1, 2 or 3 vials).

We will bill this cost to your insurance company, unless you're choosing SLIT. The serum expires after one year. If you come in as directed, you'll run out of serum in approximately 4 months for injections, and 1 month for SLIT.

SCIT (Allergy Shots – CPT code: 95115 or 95117): This is the cost for the administration of the injection. It will be billed to your insurance.

One injection: \$24
Two or three injections: \$32

Please check if you have a Medicaid plan. This may be a covered benefit of your plan, but currently coverage is limited a certain allotted number of units per 12 month period. After that, we will no longer bill insurance, and you will be responsible for the full cost of the refill serums up front. **If you have a Medicaid plan, you are required to sign an Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage (ABN) form attesting that you understand your financial responsibility. Please initial _____.**

SLIT (Allergy Drops): You will only have the cost of the allergy serum. It will need to be refilled more often than with allergy injections. SLIT is not covered by any insurance. SLIT cannot be billed to your insurance company. **Please initial _____.**

***** Please call your insurance company to find out how they will cover allergy injections and allergy serum. SLIT is not a covered benefit; therefore, you will be responsible for the cost.**

If you obtain your injections at another physician office (otherwise leave blank) – Delivery options:

Office Pick-up. *If you select office pick-up, but are unable to do so, and need us to mail it out instead, we will require a written statement mailed or faxed to us, with S&H payment prior to shipment (payment can be made over the phone). Please initial _____.*

Mail Out to (\$25 S&H due prior to shipment): _____
Accepting Physician Address

There are risks to mailing the serum, as the serum may degrade in temperature extremes, thus rendering the serum less effective. Please note that we are also not responsible for lost or damaged serums in the mail. Please initial _____.

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*** You **MUST** take an antihistamine at least one hour prior to your allergy injection.
*** **FOR YOUR SAFETY:** In the unlikely chance that you have a reaction, you may be treated in a neighboring Urgent Care facility or physician with subsequent charges from that physician or department. If the reaction is severe or life-threatening, you may be transported to the nearest Emergency Department with subsequent charges from that department.

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/_____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____