

5 YOUR CONSENT TO OBTAIN A MEDICAL REPORT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read this section carefully, as it sets out your rights under the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988 and the Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (NI) Order 1991.

In order to process your claim, we may need to apply for a medical report from any doctor who has attended you. To apply, we need you to give your consent by signing the declaration below.

You can choose from three courses of action:

1. You can give your consent without asking to see the doctor's report before it is sent to us. The report will then be sent directly to us by the doctor.

2. You can give your consent, but ask to see any report before it is sent to us, in which case you will have 21 days, after we notify you that we have requested a report from the doctor, to contact your doctor to make arrangements to see the report. If you fail to contact the doctor within 21 days, he will be entitled to send the report direct to us, if however you contact your doctor with a view to seeing the report, you must give the doctor written consent before he can release it to us. You may ask your doctor to change the report if you think it is misleading. If your doctor refuses, you can insist on adding your own comment to the report before it is sent to us.

Should you give your consent to us obtaining a report without indicating that you wish to see it, you can change your mind by contacting your doctor before the report is sent to us, in which case you will have the opportunity to see the report and ask the doctor to change the report or add your comments before it is sent to us, or withhold your consent for its release.

3. You can withhold your consent but, if you do, please bear in mind that we may be unable to accept your claim.

Whether or not you indicate that you wish to see the report before it is sent, you have the right to ask your doctor to let you see a copy, provided that you ask him within six months of the report having been supplied to us.

Your doctor is entitled to withhold some or all of the information contained in the report if (a) he feels that it may be harmful to you or (b) it would indicate his intentions in respect of you or (c) would reveal the identity of another person without their consent (other than that provided by a health professional in their professional capacity in relation to your care). Your doctor may also make a reasonable charge for his services.

The undersigned authorises and requests any hospital, specialist, physician or other health provider to furnish Bupa or its duly authorised agent acting on Bupa's behalf with such information as Bupa or that agent may seek from them in connection with any treatment or other services provided to me or my dependant for the purpose of Bupa considering this claim.

I have been advised of my rights under the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988 and the Access to Personal Files and Medical Reports (NI) Order 1991.

Please indicate below if you wish to see a copy of the medical report before it is sent to Bupa:

I do wish to see a copy of any medical report before it is sent to Bupa.

I do NOT wish to see a copy of any medical report before it is sent to Bupa.

Bupa Global Data Protection Notice

Purpose: Personal data collected on you, and where appropriate, your family, will be used by Bupa Global to process your claims, administer your policy and may be used to detect and prevent fraud or improper claims.

Confidentiality: The confidentiality of patient and member information is of paramount concern to the companies in the Bupa Group. To this end, Bupa fully complies with Data Protection Legislation and Medical Confidentiality Guidelines. Bupa sometimes uses third parties to process data on its behalf. Such processing, which may be undertaken outside the EEA, is subject to contractual restrictions with regard to confidentiality and security in addition to the obligations imposed by the Data Protection Act.

Medical Information: Medical information will be kept confidential. It will only be disclosed to those involved with your treatment or care, including your General Practitioner/Primary Health Physician, or to their agents, and, if applicable, to any person or organisation who may be responsible for meeting your treatment expenses, or their agents. Claims information may be discussed with the Bupa Global Agent/Adviser where you have requested the Adviser to assist you.

Member details: All membership documents and confirmation of how we have dealt with any claim you may make will be sent to the principal member.

Telephone calls: In the interest of continuously improving our service to members, your call will be recorded and may be monitored.

Research: Anonymised or aggregated data may be used by Bupa Global, or disclosed to others, for research or statistical purposes.

Fraud: Information may be disclosed to others with a view to preventing fraudulent or improper claims.

Names and addresses: Bupa Global does not make the names and addresses of members or patients available to other organisations.

Keeping you informed: Bupa Global would, on occasion, like to keep you informed of Bupa products and services which it considers may be of interest to you.

Contact address: If you do not wish to receive information about Bupa's products and services, or have any other Data Protection queries please write to the Head of Information Governance, at Bupa House, 15-19 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2BA or at DataProtection@Bupa.com.

6 THIRD PARTY INSURERS

Are some of the costs recoverable from someone else (for example, state insurer or a person / organisation involved in an accident?); Yes No

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

7 DECLARATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PATIENT

I confirm that the information I have given on this form is accurate and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

I confirm that I give explicit consent, within the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998, to process my personal information with respect to this claim.

Patient's signature (Parent or guardian if patient is under 16)

Date

If you have any queries regarding your claim, log onto our website www.bupa-intl.com/membersworld or contact our customer services team on:

o Telephone: +44 (0) 1273 323 563

o Fax: +44 (0) 1273 820 517

o Email: info@bupa-intl.com

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