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Patient – Healthcare Provider Electronic Communication Agreement

Patient Name: _____

DOB: _____

Electronic communication, including but not limited to emails, internet based video conferencing through such applications as Skype, and FaceTime through iPhones and iPads, for example (hereinafter “Electronic Communications”) provide an opportunity to communicate with your Healthcare Provider (hereinafter “ARMS”) relative to issues that are **non-emergent, non-urgent or non-critical**. Electronic Communications are not a replacement for the interpersonal contact that is the very basis of the doctor-patient relationship.

The following is intended to assist you with your determination of whether you wish to supplement your healthcare experience by electronically communicating with members of the healthcare team Arizona Reproductive Medicine Specialists (ARMS).

General Considerations

- ARMS will treat Electronic Communication with the same degree of privacy and confidentiality as written medical records. ARMS has taken reasonable step with internal information technology systems to protect the security and privacy of your personal identifying and health information in accordance with the security guidelines required by the Health Information Protection and Accountability Act of 1992 as amended (HIPAA).
- Standard email services, including, but not limited to AOL, OptOnline, Hotmail, and Gmail, are not secure. This means that the email messages are not encrypted and can be intercepted and read by unauthorized individuals.
- Electronic communication via internet based video conference providers, including, but not limited to Skype, claim to have safeguards, in place to protect your personal information from unauthorized disclosure. However, there is the possibility that viruses, Trojans or other malicious software may obtain you private information on your computer system and release and/or use your information without your knowledge. There may be other risks associated with internet communication with are unknown at this time.
- Transmitting email that contains protected health information through an email system that is not encrypted do not meet and electronic communication via internet based video conference providers may not meet the security guidelines as required by the HIPAA.

I have read and understood the above description of the risks and responsibilities associated with Electronic Communications with ARMS. I acknowledge that commonly used Electronic Communications are not secure and fall outside of the security requirements set forth by HIPPA.

I understand that I can withdraw this consent authorizing ARMS to communicate with me via Electronic Communications at any time by written notification to ARMS

I release and hold harmless ARMS, its physicians and their staff, employees, affiliates, agents, officers, directors and shareholders from any and all expenses, claims, actions, liabilities, attorney fees, damages, losses, of any kind, that I may have resulting from Electronic Communications between ARMS and me based on this authorization given to the ARMS to communicated with me via Electronic Communications. This release includes Arizona Reproductive Medicine Specialists’ management services company and its offices, director, employees, representatives and agents.

Having been informed of the risks associated with Electronic Communications, I still desire to communicate with ARMS via electronic communications. In consideration for any desire to use Electronic Communications as an adjunct to in person office visits with ARMS, I do hereby authorize ARMS to engage in Electronic Communications with me.

Authorized Email Address: _____ Date _____

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Patient Signature _____ Patient Name _____

Partner Signature _____ Partner Name _____