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## AGREEMENT AND CONSENT FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

I authorize the healthcare team of the Endocrine & Diabetes Center to participate in my weightmanagement and fully understand and agree with the following statements:

- 1. Any medical treatment of obesity may have risks, benefits and side effects. There are also certain health risks associated with untreated obesity.
- 2. The use of anti-obesity medications is contra-indicated in certain medical conditions including pregnancy. Women in childbearing age should use an appropriate method of contraception to prevent pregnancy when using these drugs.
- 3. Some anti-obesity medications are "controlled drugs" by law. I shall disclose its use to the members of my healthcare team and to any other physician or health care entity that I will encounter to avoid duplication or drug interactions.
- 4. I will disclose the use of all the current medications that I am using to the medical team at the Endocrine & Diabetes Center. Failure to do this may cause drug interactions and related complications that can be serious and life threatening. I will also take the medication only as prescribed and will report any adverse reactions I experience to my healthcare team.
- 5. I will not sell, trade or share my medication with anyone else. I will not ask for duplicate prescriptions to different pharmacies. Doing so shall result in my discharge from the care at the Endocrine & Diabetes Center.
- 6. The use of some of the anti-obesity medications beyond 12 weeks is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). My physician(s) at the Endocrine & Diabetes center may consider the use of these drugs "off label" for longer periods of time if appropriate.
- 7. Obesity is a lifelong disease. Successful management will depend upon my efforts in following the medical, nutritional and behavior recommendations.
- 8. Endocrine & Diabetes Center provides NO GUARANTEES for success of medical management of obesity. Based on periodic evaluation, my healthcare team may advise me to change or discontinue the use of anti-obesity medication.
- 9. I will remain under the care of my primary care physician for my general medical care.
- 10. I will be responsible for out-of-pocket expenses related to body composition analysis and nutritional coaching. Which will be discussed with me by the administrative staff. I have read and I fully understand this agreement and consent form. All my questions have been answered to my full satisfaction.

Patient Name	Signature
Witness's name	Signature
Date:	