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Patient's Name: _____

Date: _____

DENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

ANA C. MELNYK, D.D.S.

("Doctor"), and the undersigned patient ("Patient") have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY DISPUTE AS TO DENTAL MALPRACTICE, THAT IS AS TO WHETHER ANY DENTAL SERVICES RENDERED UNDER THIS CONTRACT WERE UNNECESSARY OR UNAUTHORIZED OR WERE IMPROPERLY NEGLIGENCE OR INCOMPETENTLY RENDERED, WILL BE DETERMINED BY SUBMISSION TO ARBITRATION AS PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA LAW, AND NOT BY A LAWSUIT OR RESORT TO COURT PROCESS EXCEPT, AS CALIFORNIA LAW PROVIDES FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS, BOTH PARTIES TO THIS CONTRACT, BY ENTERING INTO IT, ARE GIVING UP THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HAVE SUCH DISPUTE DECIDED IN A COURT OF LAW BEFORE A JURY, AND INSTEAD ARE ACCEPTING THE USE OF ARBITRATION.

ARTICLE 2. In the event of any claim, demand, controversy or dispute the essential nature of which involves personal injury, malpractice of any sort, by Patient, his dependents, whether or not minors, family at law or personal representatives against Doctor or any of Doctor's officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives, employees, successors in interests, assigns or associates agreeing in writing to be bound by the arbitration provisions of this agreement ("Affiliates"). THE SOLE METHOD FOR RESOLVING SUCH DISPUTE SHALL BE BY BINDING ARBITRATION ADMINISTERED BY THE AMERICAN ARBITRATE ASSOCIATION in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The parties hereby agree that they shall submit their controversy to an Arbitrator who is a dentist licensed in California. Such Arbitrator shall be acceptable to both parties. In the event that the parties cannot agree a sole Arbitrator, each party shall pick an Arbitrator who is a dentist licensed in California and the two Arbitrators shall pick a third dentist proceeding under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Notwithstanding, the foregoing two additional Arbitrators who are dentists may be added by the parties by agreement in writing to create an arbitration panel of three. It is agreed that all parties relevant to a full and complete settlement of any dispute subject to this agreement may be intervened or joint.

ARTICLE 3. The prevailing party in any arbitration pursuant to this agreement shall be awarded all cost, including reasonable attorney's fees and the arbitrator's fee, in prosecuting or defending the claim in arbitration, but not to exceed \$5,000 in amount. Furthermore, if any action is undertaken to set aside or otherwise attack the binding arbitration award, the losing party in the court action shall bear all the prevailing party's costs, including reasonable attorney's fees.

ARTICLE 4. Any party initiating arbitration under this agreement shall file with his petition a bond or cash surety in an amount equal to FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) which shall provide security for attorney's fees and costs in the event that the moving party shall not prevail.

ARTICLE 5. This agreement shall govern all future services rendered to Patient by Doctor and Doctor's Affiliates and Associates. Execution of this agreement is a precondition to the furnishing of services by Doctor, but this agreement may be responded by written notice by either party within thirty days of signature. After this thirty days, this agreement may be changed or revoked only by a written revocation signed by both parties.

ARTICLE 6. Doctor hereby agrees to render dental care and service rendered to Patient. Patient agrees to pay Doctor promptly upon the rendering of a bill at the currently prevailing rates, or to cooperate with Doctor in obtaining payment from third payors.

ARTICLE 7. Except for the fact that Doctor has indicated professional services will not be rendered to Patient unless this agreement is executed, Doctor has made no other representations or statements, oral or written, to induce Patient to execute this agreement.

ARTICLE 8. In the event that any provision of this agreement shall be voided or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then such provision shall be stricken and of no force and effect. The remaining provisions of this agreement, however, shall continue in full force and effect, and to the extent required, shall be modified to preserve their validity. This agreement shall be governed by California Law.

THIS IS BINDING LEGAL DOCUMENT WHICH MAY HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY ON ANY QUESTION YOU MAY HAVE.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL/DENTAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO JURY OR COURT TRIAL. SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.

(PATIENT SIGNATURE)

DOCTOR

(PATIENT'S GUARDIAN OR REPRESENTATIVE)

DATE OF SIGNING

(RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT)