

CLAIMS-MADE PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE EXPRESS APPLICATION

For Health Care Professionals
(Physicians and Surgeons)

AGENT INFORMATION

Agent name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST

Prior to completing the attached application, please read and follow these instructions. Please verify that all required attachments are included so that we may process your application promptly and efficiently.

- Please complete this form electronically or print your responses legibly.
- Please sign and date the application where indicated.
- All information requested must be fully and accurately completed.
- If changes or corrections must be made to the completed application, strike out or line through the incorrect information, write in the modification, and initial and date the change.
- If a particular question does not apply to you, please write "N/A."
- The Medical Procedures questionnaire must be completed. If the procedures you perform are not mentioned in the questionnaire, please list them in the Remarks section.
- If you wish to explain any of your answers, please use the Remarks section. If you need additional space, please continue your answers on a separate page and attach it to the application.
- Claims information should be provided for a six-year experience period. This applies to open and closed claims and to any incidents reported to a previous carrier. It is important that you provide complete and detailed claims information, including current company loss runs.

Required Attachments

Please include a current copy of the following documents with the application:

- Your curriculum vitae (CV)
- Your Declarations Page from your current policy, showing your policy period, limits of liability, retroactive date, and any exclusions that were applied to your policy
- Your loss runs from all insurance carriers that insured you for the past six years (if applicable)
- Your current letterhead and advertisements, including a copy of any Web-related content (if applicable)

Except to the extent as may otherwise be provided in the policy and its endorsements, the coverage of a claims-made policy is limited generally to liability for only those claims that are first reported in writing to the Company while the policy is in force.

Insurance coverage is subject to underwriting approval and payment of the premium. No coverage exists until the premium is received and a binder or coverage summary, together with any endorsements that may apply, has been issued to the first named insured.

If you need additional forms or have any questions about the application, please call your broker/agent, or contact The Doctors Company Member Services at (800) 421-2368.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. First name: _____ Middle name: _____ Last name: _____ Suffix: _____ Title: _____
2. Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ 3. Social Security number: _____ 4. Gender: Male Female
5. E-mail address(es): _____
6. Web site address(es): _____ 7. National Provider ID number (if available): _____
8. This application is a Request to join a physician or group already insured under policy number: _____ or
 New application with The Doctors Company
9. Practice address: Please list all office locations and entities for which you are requesting coverage. Please indicate if they are:
hospital, medical office, surgery center, nursing home, urgent care center, correctional facility, etc.
- _____
10. Office phone number: _____ Fax number: _____
11. Home address and telephone number: _____
12. Billing address: _____
13. Requested effective date (coverage start date): _____ Requested retroactive date (prior acts date): _____
14. If prior acts coverage is not being requested, are you purchasing extended reporting (tail) coverage from your prior carrier?
 Yes No *If yes, please provide proof of tail coverage. If no, please explain in Remarks section.*

PRACTICE INFORMATION

15. Primary specialty: _____ Percentage of practice: _____
Secondary specialty: _____ Percentage of practice: _____
16. Are you ABMS or AOA Board certified? Yes No If yes, date of certification or recertification: _____
17. Are you currently participating in a Maintenance of Certification program? Yes No
18. Please indicate your medical license(s): _____ License state(s): _____ Number(s): _____
19. a) Please indicate your average number of practice hours per week that will be covered by this policy, including office hours,
administrative activities, direct patient care, surgery, consultation, etc. (excluding on-call): _____
b) Estimate the number of patients seen on an average weekly basis: _____
20. Current carrier: _____ Number of years with carrier: _____ Current premium: _____
21. Have you had any time period where you were uninsured? Yes No *If yes, please explain in the Remarks section.*
22. Are you affiliated with any other doctor or group? Yes No *If yes, please provide information in the Remarks section.*
23. Do you have locations where you provide or serve as the following:
Medical director: Yes No Medical services: Yes No
Independent contractor: Yes No Supervision only: Yes No
If yes to any of the above, please provide name and location: _____
24. Do you maintain an ownership interest (in whole or in part) in any entity(ies) related to the practice of medicine (e.g., spa, laboratory)?
 Yes No *If yes, please list name(s) and explain: _____*
25. Do you share office space, employees, billing, or letterhead with any physician?
 Yes No *If yes, provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*
26. Please list all of your employed or contracted ancillaries, including their titles (please note that if you employ an NP, PA, CRNA, CNM,
optometrist, or chiropractor, a separate application and additional information will be required):
- Name: _____ Title: _____ Name: _____ Title: _____

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27. Do you supervise ancillaries who are insured elsewhere?

Yes No *If yes, please provide proof of their insurance.*

28. Please indicate if you are an active member of any medical society or specialty association: _____

29. Please list all hospitals and facilities at which you have maintained privileges in the past five years and the status of those privileges:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

30. Please indicate the limits of liability requested (example: \$1,000,000 per claim, \$3,000,000 annual aggregate):

Per claim: _____ Annual aggregate: _____

31. Have your limits of liability changed (increased or decreased) in the past three years?

Yes No *If yes, please indicate your prior limits of liability: _____*

32. Are you involved or do you participate in non-IRB-approved clinical research trials?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

33. Do you have a contract with nursing homes or correctional facilities?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

34. Are you now being or have you ever been evaluated for, diagnosed with, or treated for alcohol, narcotics, or any other substance abuse, sexual addiction, anger management issues, or any mental illness?

Yes No *If yes, please include a letter from your treating physician or institution outlining dates of treatment, results of treatment, and current status, and any agreement you have made with any recovery organization.*

35. Have you become aware of any chronic illness or physical defect that impairs or could impair your ability to practice your specialty?

Yes No *If yes, please include a letter from your treating physician or institution outlining dates of treatment, results of treatment, and current status, and any limitations on your ability to practice the specialty(ies) listed.*

36. Have you ever had professional liability insurance declined, nonrenewed, canceled, or restricted, or have you had an involuntary deductible or surcharge assessed against you? NOTE: MISSOURI APPLICANTS DO NOT RESPOND.

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

37. Have you ever appeared before, been investigated by, entered into any consent agreement with, or do you have an investigation currently in progress or pending by any state licensing board, board of medical examiners, DEA, or other governmental agency?

Yes No *If yes, please provide copies of complaint and disposition documents.*

38. Has your license to practice or your DEA/narcotics license ever been denied, revoked, suspended, placed on probation, or limited in any way?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

39. Has any physician, patient, or insurance plan ever filed a complaint against you with any medical association/society or foundation, consumer protection agency, Chamber of Commerce, or Better Business Bureau?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

40. Have you ever been arrested, indicted, pled guilty to, or been convicted of any crime other than minor traffic violations?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

41. Has your participation in any governmental or nongovernmental health program (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, HMO, PPO, or any managed care program) ever been suspended, placed on probation, terminated, or limited in any way?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

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42. Have your staff privileges at any hospital or health care facility ever been suspended, refused, revoked, placed on probation, or in any way restricted, or do you have an investigation relative to your staff privileges pending or in progress at any hospital or health care facility?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

43. Have you ever been accused of sexual misconduct of any kind in your professional capacity?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

44. Are there any circumstances that might be reasonably expected to lead to a claim or suit (even if you believe the possible claim or suit would be without merit) that have not been reported to your current or prior medical professional liability carrier?

Yes No *If yes, please provide details in the Remarks section and include supporting documents.*

45. Have you been a party to a malpractice claim, suit, or incident in the past six years?

Yes No *If yes, please complete the attached Claim Information form for each claim/incident.*

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Do you perform any procedures for which you did not receive training in your residency or that are outside the customary scope of practice of your specialty?

Yes No *If yes, please list the procedures:*

Do you perform bariatric surgery? Yes No

Do you operate on the spine? Yes No

Do you perform deliveries? Yes No

If yes, how many deliveries do you perform per year?
In a hospital: _____ In a birthing center: _____ In a patient's home: _____

Do you perform in vitro fertilization (IVF)? Yes No

Please indicate if you or any of your staff perform the following procedures:

	Physician	Non-Physician Licensed Staff	Non-Licensed Staff
Botox Injection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemical Peel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cosmetic Tattooing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laser Hair Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laser Wrinkle Removal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microdermabrasion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sclerotherapy (Specify procedure _____)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Cosmetic Procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please check all procedures that you perform:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Reduction (other than simple) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hysterectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Abortion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adenoidectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Colonoscopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Laparoscopy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tonsillectomy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anal Fistulectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Cryotherapy and LEEPs | <input type="checkbox"/> Myringotomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tubal Ligation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Analgesia, IV Conscious Sedation | <input type="checkbox"/> Culdocentesis | <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Polypectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Vasectomy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia (Spinal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dilatation and Curettage | <input type="checkbox"/> Normal Vaginal Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> VBAC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Elective Cardioversion | <input type="checkbox"/> Oophorectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Vein Stripping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cesarean Section Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Endometrial Biopsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchiectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Loss |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cholecystectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Endoscopic Procedures | <input type="checkbox"/> Prenatal & Postnatal Care | Diet _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circumcision (adult) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemorrhoidectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Salpingectomy | Meds _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circumcision (pediatric only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrocelectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Tendon Repair | |

CARDIOLOGY

- Cardiac Catheterization Coronary Angiography Coronary Angioplasty/Stents

COSMETIC PROCEDURES

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominoplasty | <input type="checkbox"/> Autologous Fat Injection | <input type="checkbox"/> Thermage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blepharoplasty | <input type="checkbox"/> Breast Augmentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Breast Reduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coronal Lift | <input type="checkbox"/> Endoscopic-Assisted Forehead Lift | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial Laser Resurfacing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Implant | <input type="checkbox"/> Implants Other than Breast | <input type="checkbox"/> "Lifestyle" Lift |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liposuction | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhinoplasty (Cosmetic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhytidectomy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Penile-Related Cosmetic Procedure | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhinoplasty (Functional Only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Reassignment Surgery |

OPHTHALMOLOGY

- Medical Treatment Only All Surgical Procedures
- Limited Surgical Procedures—limited to minor surgical procedures, including:
- Assisting in Surgery
 - Laser Trabeculoplasty
 - Laser Iridotomy
 - Laser Punctal Closure
 - Laser Iridoplasty
 - Laser Ablation
 - Laser Capsulotomy

PAIN MANAGEMENT

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block (spine and non-spine) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cryoanalgesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorsal Column Stimulator Implants | <input type="checkbox"/> Kyphoplasty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epidural or Spinal Catheter | <input type="checkbox"/> Intra-Articular Block (joint injection) | <input type="checkbox"/> Intradiscal Electrothermal Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertebroplasty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Myofascial Trigger Point Injections | <input type="checkbox"/> Nerve Root Injections | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Frequency Nerve Ablation | <input type="checkbox"/> M.I.L.D. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid Detoxification | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Infusion Implant | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Infusion Pump | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Stimulation Implant | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Stimulation Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Stellate Ganglion Block | |

NOTE: If there are procedures that are not listed above that you perform, please provide us with a detailed list in the Remarks section or in a separate attachment.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

X

Applicant Signature

Date

Additional Coverage Offered by The Doctors Company

The insurance needs of today's medical practices are expanding. Consolidating your medical practice coverage through The Doctors Company will simplify your policy administration and allow you to focus on the practice of medicine. Please let us know if you are interested in these other lines of insurance by checking the appropriate box. Your agent or broker will contact you for an indication.

MediGuard® PLUS

MediGuard PLUS provides all the benefits and features of MediGuard® and CyberGuard® included in the The Doctors Company's standard coverage, with \$1,000,000 limits to protect your practice from potential high costs and exposure related to regulatory proceedings, including Medicare and Medicaid, RAC and ZPIC audits, and fraud allegations. Enhanced coverage for claims arising from the theft, loss, or accidental transmission of confidential patient or financial information is also included.

EPLI

Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI) provides coverage to you and all your employees, past and even potential, including nurses, medical assistants, and office clerks. EPLI includes coverage for claims and complaints by employees regarding work discrimination, sexual harassment, wrongful termination, and challenges with the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Optional coverage is available for claims made by third parties (patients, vendors, and visitors).

Directors & Officers

Directors & Officers Liability Insurance (D&O) insures the entity, directors and officers, and employees for allegations and suits from competitors, customers/clients, investors and silent partners, creditors, and shareholders.

Notice: This is not a solicitation, nor is this an offer of insurance. These additional lines of insurance are currently available only in certain states. Please consult with your agent or broker if you are interested in these coverages. A separate application will need to be completed and underwritten. Once approval is given, a separate premium and invoice will be generated.

CLAIM INFORMATION

This section should be completed only if you answered yes to question #45 on page 3. Please photocopy and complete this form for each additional claim. If more space is needed on each report, continue information on your letterhead. Please write legibly.

1. Name of patient: _____

2. Age: _____ 3. Gender: Male Female

4. Relationship to patient (e.g., attending physician, consultant, primary surgeon, assistant surgeon):

5. Allegation: _____

6. Date of incident (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ 7. Location: _____

8. Insurance carrier(s): _____

9. Other defendants: _____

10. Present status: Open claim Closed claim
Date closed: _____ Indemnity and expenses reserved: _____
Loss of: \$ _____ Expenses paid: \$ _____
 Settlement Judgment

11. Conditions and diagnosis at time of incident:

12. Dates and description of professional services rendered:

13. Condition of patient subsequent to professional services (and dates of follow-up visits, if known):

I HEREBY DECLARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

X _____
Applicant Signature Date

AGREEMENTS & NOTICES

AGREEMENT: I do hereby warrant the truth of any statements and answers mentioned herein and on any attachments, and that I have not intentionally withheld any information that could influence the judgment of the Company in considering this application for professional liability insurance. Erroneous information or material misrepresentation will cause immediate rescission of my insurance coverage.

AGREEMENT: I understand that no coverage will be bound by the Company until such time as I have signed the application—in ink—and returned the original to the Company with the required payment.

(Note: Your being approved for coverage by the Company does not imply acceptance by the Company of any contract or agreement or any liability assumed thereunder.)

AGREEMENT: I understand that in order to underwrite professional liability insurance, the Company must have access to all possible information concerning my professional conduct and experience. I hereby authorize and direct any medical society, medical doctor, hospital, residency program, insurance company, interindemnity arrangement, underwriter, or insurance agent to furnish any information concerning me or my medical practice that the Company may request.

AGREEMENT: I understand that in connection with this application for insurance, the Company may review my credit report or obtain or use a credit-based insurance score based on the information contained in that credit report. The Company may use a third party in connection with the development of my insurance score.

AGREEMENT: Since I understand that the free exchange of information is essential, I agree that any person or organization furnishing information to the Company pursuant to this consent and direction, together with the agent, employees, or officers of such person or organization, will not be liable to me in any way for furnishing such information.

**SIGNATURE
REQUIRED: X**

Applicant Signature

Date

Notice to Alabama Applicants: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

Notice to Colorado Applicants: It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Notice to District of Columbia Applicants: **WARNING:** It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

Notice to Florida Applicants: Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

Notice to Kentucky Applicants: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

Notice to Louisiana Applicants: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

Notice to Maine Applicants: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, or denial of insurance benefits.

Notice to Maryland Applicants: Any person who knowingly and willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit, or who knowingly and willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

Notice to Missouri Applicants: An insurance company or its agent or representative may not ask an applicant or policyholder to divulge in a written application or otherwise whether any insurer has canceled or refused to renew or issue to the applicant or policyholder a policy of insurance. If a question of this nature appears in this application, you should not respond.

Notice to New Jersey Applicants: Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for an insurance policy is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

Notice to New Mexico Applicants: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties.

Notice to New York Applicants: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

Notice to Ohio Applicants: Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he or she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

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Notice to Oklahoma Applicants: **WARNING:** Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony. The absence of such a statement shall not constitute a defense in any prosecution.

Notice to Pennsylvania Applicants: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

Notice to Rhode Island Applicants: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

Notice to Tennessee Applicants: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits.

Notice to Virginia Applicants: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance benefits, and civil damages.

Notice to West Virginia Applicants: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**SIGNATURE
REQUIRED: X**

Applicant Signature

Date

INSURANCE APPLICANT BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between The Doctors Company, an Interinsurance Exchange, including its subsidiaries, hereinafter referred to as “We,” and _____ (Applicant Name), hereinafter referred to as “You.”

We are committed to complying with the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (the “Privacy Regulations”) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”). Under the Privacy Regulations, You are a “covered entity,” and as required by 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(e) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e), We acknowledge that We are Your “business associate.” We must use and/or disclose information that identifies an individual, relates to health, health treatment, or health care payment (“Protected Health Information”) and is maintained in any form (e.g., electronic, paper, verbal) in Our performance of services with respect to Your application for insurance, and We agree to abide by the assurances, terms, and conditions contained herein in the performance of Our obligations.

This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and obligations pursuant to which Protected Health Information that is provided, created, or received by Us from You, or on Your behalf, will be handled. We agree as follows:

A. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information.

Pursuant to this Agreement, We provide services (“Services”) for Your operations that involve the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information as defined by the Privacy Regulations. These Services may include, among others, quality assessment, quality improvement, outcomes evaluation, protocol and clinical guidelines development, reviewing the competence or qualifications of health care professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs to improve the skills of health care practitioners and providers, credentialing, conducting or arranging for medical review, arranging for legal services, conducting or arranging for audits to improve compliance, resolution of internal grievances, placing stop-loss and excess of loss insurance, and other functions necessary to perform these Services. Except as otherwise specified herein, We may make any uses of Protected Health Information necessary to perform Our obligations under this Agreement. All other uses not authorized by this Agreement are prohibited. Moreover, We may disclose Protected Health Information for the purposes authorized by this Agreement: (i) to Our employees, subcontractors, and agents, in accordance with Section B(5) below; (ii) as directed by You; or (iii) as otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement. Additionally, unless otherwise limited herein, We are permitted to make the following uses and disclosures:

(1) Our Business Activities.

We may:

- (a) Use the Protected Health Information in Our possession for Our proper management and administration and to fulfill any of Our present or future legal responsibilities provided that such uses are permitted under state and federal confidentiality laws; and
- (b) Disclose the Protected Health Information in Our possession to third parties for the purpose of Our proper management and administration or to fulfill any of Our present or future legal responsibilities provided that (i) the disclosures are required by law; or (ii) We have received from the third party written assurances regarding its confidential handling of such Protected Health Information as required under 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(4).

(2) Our Additional Activities.

In addition to using the Protected Health Information to perform the Services set forth above, We may:

- (a) Aggregate the Protected Health Information in Our possession with the Protected Health Information of other covered entities that We have in Our possession through Our capacity as a business associate to said other covered entities provided that the purpose of such aggregation is to provide You with data analyses relating to Your health care operations. Under no circumstances may We disclose Protected Health Information of one covered entity as defined by 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 to another covered entity absent Your explicit authorization; and
- (b) De-identify any and all Protected Health Information, provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(b), and further provided that You are sent the documentation required by 45 C.F.R. Section 164.15(b), which shall be in the form of a written assurance from Us. Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(d)(2), de-identified information does not constitute Protected Health Information and is not subject to the terms of this Agreement.

B. Our Responsibilities.

With regard to Our use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information, We agree to do the following:

- (1) Use and/or disclose the Protected Health Information only as permitted or required by this Agreement or as otherwise required by law;

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

- (2) Report to Your designated Privacy Officer, in writing, any use and/or disclosure of the Protected Health Information that is not permitted or required by this Agreement of which We become aware within ten (10) business days of Our discovery of such unauthorized use and/or disclosure;
- (3) Use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain the security of the Protected Health Information and implement appropriate safeguards to prevent unauthorized use and/or disclosure of such Protected Health Information;
- (4) Require all of Our subcontractors and agents that undertake to perform the Services that We perform under this Agreement and that receive, or use, or have access to Protected Health Information under this Agreement, to agree, in writing, to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information that apply to Us pursuant to this Agreement;
- (5) Unless prohibited by attorney-client and other applicable legal privileges, or unless it would violate Our contractual and other legal obligation to You, make available all records, books, agreements, policies, and procedures relating to the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Your compliance with the Privacy Regulations;
- (6) Upon prior written request, make available during normal business hours at Our offices all records, books, agreements, policies, and procedures relating to the use and/or disclosure of Protected Health Information to You within five (5) business days for purposes of enabling You to determine Our compliance under the terms of this Agreement;
- (7) We shall honor any request from You for information to assist in responding to an individual's request for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information to Us. However, should You be asked for an accounting of the disclosures of an individual's Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, such accounting should not include any disclosures to Us which are to carry out Your health care operations. See 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528(a)(1)(i);
- (8) Whether or not an insurance policy is issued as a result of this application, the protections of this Agreement will remain in force, and We shall make no further uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information, except for the proper management and administration of Our business, or as required by law; and
- (9) In those rare instances when You would be required to honor an individual's request for access and/or amendment of Protected Health Information disclosed to Us, We will assist You to comply with Your duties under 45 C.F.R. Sections 154.524 and 164.526. However, usually You will not be required to honor such requests, because Protected Health Information in Our possession is not part of a designated record set as that term is defined by 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501; and/or because the information is exempt from access and amendment under 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.524(a) and 164.526(a)(2); and/or because access would violate Your superseding contractual and other legal rights; and/or because any amendment could be tampering with evidence in a civil or administrative matter.
- (10) You may terminate this Agreement if We violate a material term of this Agreement.

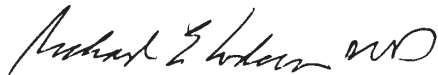
SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

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Signature

Executed this day of

In witness whereof, The Doctors Company has caused this Agreement to be signed by its Chairman at its Home Office.



Richard E. Anderson, MD
Chairman of the Board of Governors

PART 1—PROXY

I appoint the members of the Board of Governors, and each of them, agents and attorneys with powers of substitution in each of them, my lawful proxy to vote and act for me and in my name at all annual, regular, and special meetings of the Subscribers of The Doctors Company, an Interinsurance Exchange.

This proxy is solicited on behalf of the management of the Exchange and will empower the holders to vote on the Subscriber's behalf for the election of members of the Board of Governors and such other business as may properly come before any annual, regular, or special meeting of Subscribers.

This proxy, unless revoked or replaced by substitution, shall remain in force for five years from the date stated below.

You may revoke this proxy by giving the Exchange written notice of your revocation at least 10 days before the date of any annual, regular, or special meeting at which such proxy is to be exercised. If you attend a meeting, you may revoke this proxy if you choose to vote in person.

The signing of this proxy is not a condition of completion of this application and your signature, or your failure or refusal to sign, will not be considered in connection with the underwriting of your application.

SIGNATURE OPTIONAL:

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Signature Date

Type or print name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

PART 2—SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

For and in consideration of similar agreements executed or to be executed by other Subscribers and of the benefits of the exchange of such agreement, the Subscriber agrees to the below-stated terms and conditions.

1. The undersigned subscribes for membership in The Doctors Company, an Interinsurance Exchange (“the Exchange”), and agrees with the Exchange and with other Subscribers, through their Attorney-in-Fact, The Doctors Management Company (“the Attorney”), to exchange with all other Subscribers contracts of liability insurance, or reinsurance, in a form and containing terms and conditions as are approved by the Exchange’s Board of Governors.
2. Subscriber designates and appoints the Attorney to be his or her true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact to act in his or her name, place, and stead and in the name of the Exchange, to exchange contracts of insurance and to do all things that the Subscribers might or could do severally or jointly with regard to the operation and management of the Exchange and the business of interinsurance. Subscriber adopts and approves the Management Agreement between the Exchange and the Attorney, as it may be amended from time to time, and of any successor Management Agreement as it also may be amended.
3. Subscriber delegates to the Board of Governors of the Exchange authority to negotiate all the terms and conditions of the Management Agreement between the Exchange and the Attorney on behalf of the Subscriber, including, but not limited to, the compensation to be paid to the Attorney by the Subscriber or Exchange.
4. Subscriber further delegates to the Board of Governors of the Exchange all necessary and proper powers to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Exchange, subject to those retained by law or through the Rules and Regulations of the Exchange, or as they may be further amended at the Annual Meeting of Subscribers.
5. The Board of Governors is made up of public and professional members elected by a majority of Subscribers present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting of Subscribers. Governors generally serve four-year terms. Each year, Governors with expiring terms will stand for election.
6. Subscribership begins with the commencement of the policy period of a claims-made insurance policy issued by the Exchange and ends upon cancellation or other termination of that policy. The period of subscription shall not include any period of coverage under extended reporting policies or extended reporting or tail coverage endorsements. After termination of subscription, Subscriber shall have no further rights to participate in any distribution of savings to Subscribers or in any distribution of assets upon dissolution of the Exchange.
7. The Board of Governors may appoint any individual, partnership, or corporation to become successor to the Attorney with all of the powers and duties stated in this Agreement. All references to “Attorney” shall then be deemed to include such successor Attorney-in-Fact.
8. The principal offices of the Exchange and the Attorney shall be maintained at Napa, California, or at such other place approved by the Board of Governors.
9. The Agreement can be signed by each Subscriber separately with the same effect as if the signatures of all Subscribers were on one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California. All Subscriber Agreements shall be binding upon all Subscribers, and the provision of each shall not materially differ. Wherever the word “Subscriber” is used, it refers to all members of the Exchange, including the Subscriber who has signed this document.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

X

Signature

Executed this day of

Type or print name: _____