

Second Opinion Examination: Explanation

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT. IT EXPLAINS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT AND THE PROCESS WE WILL FOLLOW. THANK YOU.

You have been scheduled to see Dr. Wheeler for a Second Opinion Evaluation with possible assumption of care. The purpose of this appointment is for Dr. Wheeler to evaluate you and determine a treatment plan she feels appropriate to your needs. Following the evaluation, Dr. Wheeler will determine if she is able to meet your needs and if so, initiate treatment at the first appointment, at the request of your workers compensation carrier. There may be situations where treatment does not start at the first visit; when this occurs, we will explain the reasons for this to you.

If for any reason Dr. Wheeler feels it is not the best plan for her to manage your treatment, she will notify you and the referrer of this decision. In that case there will be no establishment of a patient-physician relationship and no treatment will be initiated or provided. Specifically, in this situation, Dr. Wheeler will not renew or prescribe any medication if she determines she will not be providing treatment. Your adjustor and/or case manager will assist you in determining the next step in your treatment.

Because of this detailed process, there may be more paperwork than you would normally encounter in a single office visit. Please bear with us as we will try to make this process as easy as possible. Due to paperwork involved, we request that you arrive AT LEAST 45 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time for your first visit. Dr. Wheeler typically runs on-time for her patient visits. So that other patients will not be inconvenienced if you are late, we may have no alternative but to reschedule your appointment.

Thank you.