Worksheet: Clinical Study Insurance Coverage

Health insurance may not cover all of the costs of your treatment if you are in a clinical study, also called a clinical trial. Your coverage depends on your plan. We strongly recommend that you call your health insurance company to find out what’s covered if you participate in a clinical study. You can usually find the company’s phone number on the back of your health insurance ID card. Keep a record of your discussions with the company—record the date, time, and name of the person you talked to.

Insurance company: ____________________________________________
Date and time of call: __________________________________________
Name of insurance representative: _________________________________

• I am considering or will receive treatment at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and want to know:
  ○ What my coverage is if I’m in a clinical study
  ○ What specific information about the study I need to provide to the insurance company

• Are these facilities and physician group contracted with my health plan?
  ○ Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, tax ID 91-1935159: □ Yes □ No
  ○ University of Washington Physicians, tax ID 91-1220843: □ Yes □ No
  ○ University of Washington Medical Center, tax ID 91-6001537: □ Yes □ No

• Does my insurance plan cover routine care charges (also called standard-of-care charges), such as doctor visits, lab tests, and radiology scans, if I am enrolled in a clinical study?
  □ Yes □ No □ Depends on study (note differences below)

• Does my insurance plan need to preauthorize my participation in a clinical study?
  □ Yes—Ask what the process is and what information the insurance company needs (note requirements below).
  □ No—Request a letter from the company stating that preauthorization is not needed.

• Do my out-of-pocket expenses change if I am participating in a clinical study?
  □ Yes (note how they change below) □ No

If you have questions about coverage for a study after speaking with your health insurance company, call SCCA Patient Financial Services at (206) 606-1113 or (800) 804-8824 (toll-free).

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