

# Transcend Medical

## ***Hours of Operation***

Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday - CLOSED

Sunday – CLOSED

ON-CALL SERVICES AVAILABLE AFTER BUSINESS HOURS

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## **PATIENT INFORMATION PACKET**

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**WELCOME**

Welcome and thank you for choosing Transcend Medical for your medical equipment and supply needs. We know there are a lot of choices, but what we believe you made the best choice.

Why? We are independent – which means decisions are made more quickly, and our goal is to find the item to meet your needs. If we cannot find what you need, we will try to offer you some other options.

We are committed to bringing you the best care possible, provided by competent caring staff that delivers quality products, which are designed to improve your quality of life. We are available Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. We have staff available for After hours, weekends and Holidays for emergency services.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Positive reviews of our performance are always appreciated.

Visit our web page for information on our products (how to use) and services. Also check out our Facebook and Twitter for periodic specials and events.

Once Again, THANKS FOR ALLOWING US TO SERVE YOU

[www.transcendmedical.net](http://www.transcendmedical.net) also on Facebook search for transcend medical and on twitter TranscendDME.

### **Transcend Medical History**

Transcend Medical is a leading provider of medical equipment, supplies and service to improve the patient quality of life. The Question is why and how did Transcend Medical begin?

The Owners Randy Hunter and Josh Miller have a combined 40 years working in the home medical equipment field. What they noticed is how valuable home medical equipment if used properly can improve some one's quality of life. They are committed to bringing quality equipment with exceptional service and training to ensure patient has the best opportunity to reach their goals.

Transcend Medical purchased Porch Home Medical in 2018. Porch had been serving the community since 1973. We are proud to try to build upon their legacy. As Transcend we have expanded our coverage area to include

Jackson, Marshall, Etowah, Cherokee and DeKalb. We have also added more services and product line. Including

Non-Invasive Ventilation (Trilogy), Power Wheelchair, Power Scooters, Afflovest HFCWO, Negative Pressure and Lymphedema Pumps. We are constantly trying to find better products and services for our community.

We are able to do this by ensuring we are staffed with compassionate, caring experienced folks who strive to do what is right for our patient.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions just contact us by phone, email, web-site, or social media -

Thanks

## *This page remains with the patient* **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

As our customer, you are hereby provided this Bill of Rights. You have the right to be notified in writing of your rights and obligations before treatment has begun. The patient's family or guardian may exercise the patient's rights when the patient has been judged incompetent. We fulfill our obligation to protect and promote the rights of our patients, including the following:

### *Customer Rights*

As the patient/caregiver, you have the RIGHT to:

- Be treated with dignity and respect.
- Confidentiality of patient records and information pertaining to a patient's care
- Be presented with information at admission in order to participate in and make decisions concerning your plan of care and treatment.
- Be notified in advance of the types of care, frequency of care, and the clinical specialty providing care and be notified in advance of any change in your plan of care and treatment.
- Be provided equipment and service in a timely manner.
- Receive an itemized explanation of charges.
- Express grievance without fear of reprisal or discrimination.
- Receive respect for the treatment of one's property.
- Be informed of potential reimbursement for services under Medicare, Medicaid or other third-party insurers based on the patient's condition and insurance eligibility (to the best of the company's knowledge).
- Be notified of potential financial responsibility for products or services not fully reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid or other third-party insurers (to the best of the company's knowledge).
- Be notified within 30 working days of any changes in charges for which you may be liable.
- Be admitted for service only if the company can provide safe, professional care at the scope and level of intensity needed; if we are unable to provide services then we will provide alternative resources.
- Purchase inexpensive or routinely purchased durable medical equipment.
- Expect that we will honor the manufacturer's warranty for equipment purchased from us.
- Receive essential information in a language or method of communication that you understand.
- Each patient has a right to have his or her cultural, psychosocial, spiritual, and personal values, beliefs and preferences respected.
- To be free from mental, physical, sexual, and verbal abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Access request an amendment to and receive an accounting of disclosures regarding your health information as permitted under applicable law.

### *Customer Responsibilities*

As the patient/caregiver, you are RESPONSIBLE for;

- Notifying the company of change of address, phone number, or insurance status.
- Notifying the company when service or equipment is no longer needed.
- Notifying the company in a timely manner if extra equipment or services will be needed.
- Participating as in the plan of care/treatment.
- Notifying the company of any change in condition, physician orders, or physician.
- Notifying the company of an incident involving equipment.
- Meeting the financial obligations of your health care as promptly as possible.
- Providing accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters pertinent to your health.
- Your actions if you do not follow the plan of care/treatment.

### *Our Rights*

As your provider of choice, we have the right to:

- Terminate services to anyone who knowingly furnishes incorrect information to our company to secure durable medical equipment.
- To refuse services to anyone who during direct care is threatening, intoxicated by alcohol, drugs and/or chemical substances and could potentially endanger our staff and patients.

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## COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Transcend Medical provides a process for clients to lodge an oral, written, or telephone complaint about the products and services provided. Transcend Medical has a complaint resolution system for identifying, responding to, and resolving complaints in a timely manner. All written, oral, and Name of client or caregiver voicing the complaint A summary of the complaint, including:

- Date received
- Name of the person receiving the complaint
- A summary of actions taken to resolve the complaint
- If an investigation is not conducted, the name of the person who made that decision, along with the reason for not conducting an investigation.
- Signature of supervisor

All employees are trained in how to handle complaints. Copies of all complaints and investigations are kept on-file for at least three years. All complaints are summarized and presented to Executive Management quarterly.

If you have a complaint, please contact us at (256) 259-3123.

Additionally, you may contact Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) at 1(800) MEDICARE, if needed.

You may also contact our accreditation provider if needed. Our accreditation provider is HQAA and can be reached at 1-866-909-4722.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Transcend Medical has a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan in case a disaster occurs. Disasters may include fire to our facility, chemical spills in the community, hurricanes, tornadoes and community evacuations. Our primary goal is to continue to service your health care needs. It is your responsibility to contact us regarding any supplies you may require when there is a threat of disaster or inclement weather so that you have enough supplies to sustain you.

If a disaster occurs, follow instructions from the civil authorities in your area. We will utilize every resource available to continue to service you. However, there may be circumstances where we cannot meet your needs due to the scope of the disaster. In that case, you must utilize the resources of you local rescue or medical facility. We will work closely with authorities to ensure your safety.

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# HOME SAFETY INFORMATION

Here are some helpful guidelines to help you keep a careful eye on your home and maintain safe habits. Correct unsafe conditions before they cause an accident. Take responsibility and keep your home safe.

## **Medicines**

- If children are in the home, store medications and poisons in childproof containers and out of reach.
- All medicines should be labeled clearly and left in original containers.
- Do not give or take medicines that were prescribed for other people.
- When taking or giving medicines, read the label and measure doses carefully. Know the side effects of the medicines you are taking.
- Throw away outdated medicines by pouring down a sink or flushing down the toilet.

## **Mobility items**

When using mobility items to get around such as; canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or crutches you should use extra care to prevent slips and falls.

- Use extreme care to avoid using walkers, canes, or crutches on slippery or wet surfaces.
- Always put the wheelchairs or seated walkers in the lock position when standing up or before sitting down. □  
Wear shoes when using these items and try to avoid obstacles in your path and soft and uneven surfaces.

## **Slips and Falls**

Slip and falls are the most common and often the most serious accidents in the home. Here are some things you can do to prevent them in your home.

- Arrange furniture to avoid an obstacle course
- Install handrails on all stairs, showers, bathtubs and toilets.
- Keep stairs clear and well lit.
- Place rubber mats or grids in showers and bath tubs.
- Use bath benches or shower chairs if you have muscle weakness, shortness of breath, or dizziness.
- Wipe up all spilled water, oil, or grease immediately.
- Pick-up and keep surprises out from under foot, including electrical cords and throw rugs.
- Keep tubing under your control. Tubing may catch on furniture, doors, knobs, throw rugs, or other items on floor. □  
Keep drawers and cabinets closed.
- Install good lighting to avoid groping in the dark.

## **Lifting**

If it is too big, too heavy, or too awkward to move alone – GET HELP. Here are some things you can do to prevent low back pain or injury.

- Stand close to the load with your feet apart for good balance.
- Bend your knees and “straddle” the load.
- Keep your back as straight as possible while you lift and carry the load.
- Avoid twisting your body when carrying a load.
- Plan ahead – clear your way.

## **Electrical Accidents**

Watch for early warning signs – e.g. overheating, a burning smell, sparks. Unplug the appliance and get it checked right away. Here are some things you can do to prevent electrical accidents.

- Keep cords and electrical appliances away from water.
- Do not plug cords under rugs, through doorways or near heaters. Check cords for damage before use.
- Extension cords must have a big enough wire for larger appliances.
- If you have a broken plug, outlet, or wire, get it fixed right away.
- Use a ground on 3-wire plugs to prevent shock in case of electrical “fault.” □ Do not overload outlets with too many plugs.
- Use three-prong adapters when necessary.

## **Smell Gas?**

- Open windows and doors.
- Shut off appliance involved. You may be able to refer to the front of your telephone book for instructions regarding turning off the gas to your home.
- Don't use matches, light candles or turn on electrical switches.
- Don't use telephone – dialing may create electrical sparks.
- Call the Gas Company from a neighbor's home.
- If your gas company offers free annual inspections, take advantage of them.

## **Fire**

Pre-plan and practice your fire escape. Prepare a plan with at least two ways out of your home. If your fire exit is through a window, make sure it opens easily. If you are in an apartment, know where the exit stairs are located. Do not use the elevator in a fire emergency. You may notify the fire department ahead of time if you have a disability or special needs. Here are some steps to prevent fires:

- Install smoke detectors. They are your best early warning. Test frequently and change the battery every year. □ Throw away old newspapers, magazines and boxes.
- Empty wastebaskets and trashcans regularly.
- When there is oxygen in use, place a “No Smoking” sign in plain view of all persons entering the home **and do not permit anyone to smoke near the patient**
- Do not allow ashtrays or used matches to be tossed into wastebaskets unless you know they are out. Wet down first or dump into toilet.
- Have your chimney and fireplace checked frequently. Look for and repair cracks and loose mortar. Keep paper, wood, and rugs away from area where sparks could hit them.
- Be careful when using space heaters.
- Follow instructions when using heating pad to avoid serious burns.
- Check your furnace and pipes regularly. If nearby walls or ceilings feel hot, add insulation. □ Keep a fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it.

### ***If you have a fire or suspect fire***

1. Take immediate action per plan – escape is your top priority.
2. Get help on the way – with no delay. CALL 9-1-1.
3. If your fire escape is cut-off, close the door and seal the cracks to hold back smoke. Signal help from the window.

**\*\*\*IF YOU ARE DEPENDENT ON UTILITIES (gas, phone, electricity), REGISTER AS A HIGH PRIORITY CUSTOMER WITH EACH RIGHT AWAY\*\*\***

## **PATIENT PRIVACY (HIPAA) INFORMATION**

### **THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY**

Transcend Medical is committed to preserving the privacy of your personal health information. In fact, we are required by law to protect the privacy of your medical information and to provide you with this notice describing the following how your medical information is used and disclosed for your treatment, to obtain payment for treatment, administrative purposes and to evaluate the quality of care that you receive.

**Uses and Disclosures:** We use and disclose elements of your Protected Health Information (PHI) in the following ways:

- Treatment: including, but not limited to, inpatient, outpatient or psychiatric care.
  - To your treating physician(s).
  - Payment: including, but not limited to, asking you about your health care plan(s), or other sources of payment; preparing and sending bills or claims; and collecting unpaid amounts, either ourselves or through a collection agency or attorney.
  - Health care operations: including, but not limited to, financial or billing audits; internal quality assurance; personnel decisions; participation in managed care plans; defense of legal matters; business planning; and outside storage of our records.
  - Disclosures when release is authorized by law: including, but not limited to, judicial settings and to health oversight regulatory agencies, law enforcement and correctional institutions.
  - Uses or disclosures for specialized government functions: including, but not limited to, the protection of the President or high-ranking government officials; for lawful national intelligence activities; for military purposes; or for the evaluation and health of members of the foreign services.
  - In emergency situations or to avert serious health / safety situations.
  - If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release medical information about you and your dependents as requested by military command authorities.
  - Disclosures of de-identified information.
  - Disclosures relating to worker's compensation claims.
  - To medical examiners, coroners or funeral directors to aid in identifying you or to help them in performing their duties.
  - To organizations that handle organ and tissue donations.
  - To public health organizations or federal organizations in the event of a communicable disease or to report a defective device or untoward event to a biological product (food or medication).
  - Disclosures to "business associates" who perform health care operations for us and who commit to respect the privacy of your health information.
  - We may be required or permitted by certain laws to use and disclose your medical information for other purposes without your consent or authorization
  - We will notify you by e-mail or US Mail of any breaches of your PHI

You have the following rights concerning your protected health information (PHI):

**Restrictions:** To request restricted access to all or part of your PHI. To do this, contact the organization's HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer. We are not required to grant your request and you do not have the right to restrict disclosures required by law. If we do agree, we must honor the restrictions you request.

**Confidential Communications:** To receive correspondence of confidential information by alternate means or location such as phoning you at work rather than at home or mailing your health information to a different address. To do this, contact the organization's HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer. We will take reasonable actions to accommodate your request.

**Access:** To inspect or receive copies of your PHI. To do this, contact the organization's HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer. In certain circumstances you may not have the right to access your records if the organization reasonably believes (or has reason to believe) that such access would cause harm. Examples include, but are not limited to, certain psychotherapy notes, information compiled in reasonable anticipation of or for use in civil, criminal or administrative actions or proceedings, or information obtained from someone other than a healthcare provider under a promise of confidentiality and the access requested would be reasonably likely to reveal the source of the information.

**Amendments / Corrections:** To request changes be made to your PHI. To do this, contact the organization's HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer. We are not required to grant your request if we did not create the record or the record is accurate and complete. If we deny your request for amendment / correction, we will notify you why, how you can attach a statement of disagreement to your records (which we may rebut), and how you can complain. If we agree to the request, we will make the correction within 60 days and will send the corrected information to persons we know who got the wrong information, and others you specify.

**Accounting:** To receive an accounting of the disclosures by us of your PHI. To do this, contact the organization's HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer. By law, the list will not include disclosures for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations; disclosures with your authorization; incidental disclosures; disclosures required by law; and some other limited disclosures. You are entitled to one such list per year without charge. If you want more frequent lists, you will have to pay for them in advance. We will usually respond to your request within 60 days of receiving it, but by law, we can have one 30-day extension of time if we notify you of the extension in writing. We are not required to give you a list of disclosures that occurred before April 14, 2003.

**This Notice:** To get updates or reissue of this notice, at your request.

**Complaints:** To complain to us or the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services if you feel your privacy rights have been violated. To register a complaint with us, contact: Medicare 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227). The law forbids us from taking retaliatory action against you if you complain.

**Our Duties:** We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information (PHI). We must abide by the terms of this notice or any update of this notice.

As a patient of Transcend Medical, you have important rights relating to inspecting and copying your medical information that we maintain, amending or correcting the information, obtaining an accounting of our disclosures of your medical information, requesting that we communicate with you confidentially, requesting that we restrict certain uses and disclosures of your health information, and complaining if you think your rights have been violated.



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### **EQUIPMENT WARRANTY INFORMATION**

Transcend Medical will honor all manufacturers' warranties under applicable state law. In addition, the manufacturers' manual will be provided to all Rental beneficiaries for all durable medical equipment provided.

If any item delivered to a Rental beneficiary is substandard or unsuitable, Transcend Medical will accept the return of the item or exchange the item. You will NOT be responsible for payment for repair or service for your oxygen equipment supplied by Transcend Medical.

### **ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS (AOB)**

I request that payment of authorized Medicare benefits be made to me or on my behalf to Transcend Medical for durable medical equipment and supplies ordered by my physician. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the Center for Medicare Medicaid Services and its agency any information needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payable for related services. I understand that my signature requests that payment be made and authorizes release of medical information necessary to pay the claim. If 'other insurance' is indicated in item 9 of the CMS-1500 claim form, or elsewhere on the approved claim form or electronically submitted claims, my signature authorizes releasing the information to the insurer or agency listed. In Medicare assigned cases, the supplier agrees to accept the charge of determination of the Medicare carrier as the full charge, and the patient is responsible only for the deductible, coinsurance and non-covered items. Coinsurance and the deductible are based upon the charge determination to the Medicare carrier.

### **PROVIDING CORRECT INFORMATION AND INFORMATION RELEASE**

I certify that the information I furnish is true and correct. I know it is a crime to fill out this form with facts that I know are false or to leave out facts that are important. I hereby authorize **Transcend Medical** to submit a claim to my insurance carrier or its intermediaries for all covered prescriptions or durable medical equipment and authorize and direct my insurance carrier or its intermediaries to issue payment directly to **Transcend Medical**. I hereby authorize **Transcend Medical** to furnish complete information requested by my insurance carrier or its intermediaries regarding services rendered. I further agree that I am responsible for paying my co-pays or balances which remain after insurance payments have been made, including any cost of collection or legal fee incurred to collect these balances.

Client Signature or Signature of Caregiver

If Caregiver, Relationship to Patient

Witness Signature

Date

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**EQUIPMENT/ SUPPLIES PROVIDED**

Qty.	Description/HCPC	Serial/Lot/ Model No.	Amount/Charge	Co-pay Amount
1				
2				
3				
<b>Total Amount Due:</b>				*

**\* Pending Insurance Verification**

I certify that I have received all of the equipment and supplies listed above in excellent condition. I have been properly instructed on how to use and properly take care of the equipment and supplies. I also understand that in the event that payment of my co-insurance or deductible amounts are not made by my insurance carrier(s), I will be responsible for reimbursing to Transcend Medical any balance owed up to the allowed amount.

I authorize any employee of Transcend Medical to contact me by telephone regarding the equipment and supplies I have received, additional items or supplies that I may need and to discuss any billing and/or accounts receivable information.

Customer/Caregiver Signature	If Caregiver, Relationship to Patient
Witness Signature	Date

*This form kept in Patient Record*

**Inexpensive or Routinely Purchased Item (To be Used When an Item is Purchased)**

Equipment in this category includes canes, walkers, crutches, commode chairs, low pressure and positioning equalization pads, and enteral feeding pumps. These items can be purchased or rented; however, the total amount paid for monthly rentals cannot exceed the fee schedule purchase amount.

A Medicare beneficiary must choose either the purchase option or the rental option for these types of equipment.

Billing for rental of any of these inexpensive or routinely purchased items will cease once items have been returned to Transcend Medical or have met the purchase price.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE PRINT**

Item purchased: \_\_\_\_\_  
**PLEASE PRINT**

I have received verbal and written instructions on how to use the durable medical equipment that I have purchased from **Transcend Medical**. I have also been informed of the warranty that this equipment provides to the purchaser. I understand that Medicare defines the item I have purchased as an inexpensive or routinely purchased item.

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Customer/Caregiver Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
If Caregiver, Relationship to Patient

Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## CAPPED RENTAL

For certain items such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, alternating pressure pads, air fluidized beds, nebulizers, suction pumps, continuous airway pressure (CPAP) devices, patient lifts, and trapeze bars, Medicare pays a monthly rental fee for a period not to exceed 13 months. After the 13-month time frame is completed, ownership of the equipment is transferred to the Medicare beneficiary. After ownership of the equipment is transferred to the Medicare beneficiary, it is the beneficiary's responsibility to arrange and pay for any required equipment service or repairs.

### **For oxygen patients:**

As of January 1, 2006, Medicare included oxygen as a capped rental item. Medicare now pays the provider for a maximum of 36 months. You can continue to keep and use the oxygen equipment after the 36<sup>th</sup> month and the provider who is billing Medicare for your oxygen at the 36<sup>th</sup> month is required to service and maintain your oxygen equipment afterwards. You are still responsible to pay your copayments when any maintenance and service is completed and billed by that provider, who continues to hold the title to (ownership of) that equipment.

Once the reasonable useful lifetime of the equipment has been reached (at 60 months/5 years), your provider will send you a letter explaining that you will be allowed to restart the same 36-month process. Ownership of the equipment remains with the provider. Medicare does not require a provider to continue maintenance or service once the 60 months has been reached unless you elect to restart a new 36month option.

The undersigned certifies that the information provided to Transcend Medical by or on behalf of the patient under Medicare (Title XV111 of the Social Security Act) and/or any other public or private health insurance is correct.

Customer/Caregiver Signature	If Caregiver, Relationship to Patient
Witness Signature	Date

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**. The products and/or services provided to you by Lobo Home Health dba, Transcend Medical are subject to the supplier standards contained in the Federal regulations shown at 42 Code of Federal Regulations Section 424.57(c). These standards concern business professional and operational matters (e.g. honoring warranties and hours of operation). The full text of these standards can be obtained at <http://www.ecfr.gov>. Upon request we will furnish you a written copy of the standards.**

# Checklist of Paperwork Provided

Customer Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) received: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have received the following information:***

- Hours of Operation and How To Contact Us
- Welcome
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Complaint Procedure / Emergency Preparedness
- Home Safety Information
- Patient Privacy Notification
- Assignment of Benefits
- Equipment Warranty Information
- Equipment/Supplies Provided

Educational and instructional materials provided with each item such as a user manual or the educational materials provided by the manufacturer

**For Medicare Customers *When Applicable:***

- Inexpensive or Routinely Purchased Items
- Capped Rental
- ABN (only provided when indicated)

**For All Medicare Customers:**

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I understand that I must contact Transcend Medical of any changes in my condition or if I am hospitalized

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Customer/Caregiver Signature	If Caregiver, Relationship to Patient
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Witness Signature	Date

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