



Disability & Work Paperwork Policy

PRACTICE POLICY — PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Our Policy

Abilene Pain is an interventional pain practice. Our work is diagnosing and treating the source of your pain. **We do not perform disability evaluations, and we do not complete disability, leave, or work-restriction paperwork of any kind.** This applies to every patient, every provider, and every visit, and it does not change over the course of your care with us.

What We Do Not Complete or Provide

- Off-work notes beyond the day of your visit or procedure — we do not extend time off for recovery, flare-ups, or any other reason
- Work restrictions, light-duty, or return-to-work statements
- Medical, family, or functional leave paperwork, including FMLA certifications
- Short-term or long-term disability insurance forms
- Social Security disability (SSDI / SSI) forms or physician statements
- Functional capacity evaluations or impairment ratings
- Employer, insurer, or attorney questionnaires about your ability to work
- Disability determinations or opinions for any agency, insurer, or court
- Treatment under a workers' compensation claim — we do not accept workers' compensation cases

What We Do Provide

- **A work or school excuse for the day of your appointment.** For an office visit, the excuse covers that day. For a procedure — including one done with sedation — it covers the procedure day with return to work or school the following day. Ask the front desk before you leave; it is not issued later.
- **Copies of your medical records** — to you, or to any provider, insurer, or other party you authorize in writing. Records are released through our records-request process; a fee may apply as described in our Financial Policy.
- **Visit notes to your other physicians**, including your primary care provider or a physician handling a disability or leave claim on your behalf.
- **Written post-procedure instructions.** These are safety precautions for the hours after a procedure. They are not work restrictions.

Why

Disability and work-capacity determinations require a different kind of evaluation than the one we perform, and your claim is better served by a physician who does that work. This policy is about the scope of our practice. It is not an opinion about your condition or your claim.

If You Need Disability or Leave Paperwork Completed

Please ask your primary care provider, the physician managing the condition the claim is based on, or the evaluating physician designated by the insurer or agency. We will send them a copy of your records on your written request.

Acknowledgment

I understand that Abilene Pain does not complete disability, leave, or work-restriction paperwork of any kind; that the only excuse it provides is for the day of my visit or procedure; that this will not change during my care; and that I may request copies of my records at any time.

PATIENT SIGNATURE

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