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Dear Patient:

We understand that you want to receive your allergy injections outside of this office at another health care facility. Your allergy injections must be administered in a medical setting with an overseeing physician immediately available and prepared to evaluate and treat potential side effects from your allergy injections. A 30 minute observation period after your allergy injection will continue to be required.

While receiving your injections at an outside medical facility, you must continue to follow-up with your physician at TRAAC at least once per year. When your allergy serum is low or about to expire, the outside facility will need to notify our office ideally 4 weeks in advance to ensure new serum can be mixed in a timely manner that does not disrupt your allergy injection schedule.

Our office will only release your allergy serum to an outside medical facility if your physician approves this request with regards to your personal safety, and when all of the following conditions are met:

1. **We must receive a *completed* 'Allergy Extract Release Form' signed and dated by the supervising physician at the outside medical facility where you will be receiving your allergy injections.**
2. **You have had a recent follow-visit with your physician here at TRAAC.**
3. **Your allergy serum or any other account balances have been paid in full.**
4. **If you are planning on having your allergy serum shipped to the outside facility, there is a $50 shipping fee that must be prepaid before serum can be released.**
5. **You will need an EpiPen when receiving an allergy injection.**

If you are planning on hand-carrying your serum to the outside medical facility, please prepare to transfer the serum on ice to keep the serum at the appropriate temperature. The serum must be refrigerated upon arrival at the destination. We will release the serum directly to you or a designated family member.

If you are planning on having your serum shipped to the outside medical facility, please note that we will not ship serum on Fridays or holidays, or even some Thursdays depending upon the hours of the destination to avoid prolonged exposure of temperature extremes. Shipping Fee $50.

Please be aware that once we have received notification of your desire to transfer your allergy serum AND have the completed/signed 'Allergy Extract Release Form' on file, it will then take 5-7 business days to process the request. Please plan accordingly to avoid delays in your treatment!

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or concerns regarding this process.

Sincerely,

Texas Regional Asthma and Allergy Center Staff