



Texas Tech Physicians.
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Governing Law and Venue Letter
(EP 5.23 Appendix A)

Dear Patient:

Due to recent legal decisions by courts in the state of New Mexico, Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso is requiring all patients to sign a Governing Law and Venue contract. This contract specifies that, regardless of where you live, you agree that any dispute or lawsuit regarding alleged malpractice will be decided in the courts of Texas.

In order to best protect resources of the state of Texas, we are requiring all patients to sign this contract; refusal to sign will unfortunately obligate us to begin the process of terminating the physician/patient relationship with you. This means that you will need to make arrangements to select other non-Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso providers for all of your health care needs- not just the office you are in today. You should expect to receive a notice of this termination by certified mail at the address we have on file for you. This letter will contain information about how to have your medical records transferred to another provider. To ensure that you receive this important information, we urge you to confirm that the address in our records is current. Although we typically will continue to see you for 30 days after the notice of termination has been mailed, our system will no longer allow you to schedule an appointment after the 30 days have passed. Please note that individual providers are NOT able to waive the requirement that you sign the contract and still to continue seeing Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso providers.

We hope that you will reconsider and sign the Governing Law and Venue contract so that we can continue to help meet your health care needs here at TTUHSC El Paso.

I certify that I have read this form or it has been read to me.*

Date/Time	Print Name	Patient/Other Legally Authorized Person Signature Required
Date/Time	Witness/Translator Signature Required	Relationship to Patient