Patient Discharge (Termination of Care) Policy

Effective Date: **November 15, 2026**

- AFM may end the physician-patient relationship for reasons such as repeated missed appointments, threatening or abusive behavior, violation of a controlled substance agreement, fraud, or ongoing refusal to follow essential care plans. We do not discharge patients for discriminatory reasons or during an acute medical crisis.
- We will send written notice by mail and, when possible, through the patient portal, and will continue to provide urgent care for 30 days while you find a new physician.
- We will provide copies or transfer of your records upon request.
- Behavior that threatens the safety of staff or patients may result in immediate discharge.