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This form, **Notice of Privacy Practices**, presents the information that federal law requires us to give our patients regarding our privacy practices

#### **Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information**

Request that communication of your health information be made by alternative means or at an alternative location by delivering the request in writing to our office; and revoke authorizations that you made previously to use or disclose information except to the extent information or action has already been taken by delivering a written revocation to our office.

If you want to exercise any of the above rights, please contact in person or in writing, during normal hours. We will provide you with assistance on the steps to take to exercise your rights. You have the right to review this Notice before signing the consent authorizing use and disclosure of your protected health information for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes.

#### **Our Responsibilities**

The practice is required to:

Maintain the privacy of your health information as required by law, Provide you with a notice of our duties and privacy practices as to the information we collect and maintain about you, Abide by the terms of this Notice, Notify you if we cannot accommodate a requested restriction or request, and accommodate your reasonable requests regarding methods to communicate health information with you.

We reserve the right to amend, change, or eliminate provisions in our privacy practices and access practices and to enact new provisions regarding the protected health information we maintain. If our information practices change, we will amend our Notice. You are entitled to receive a revised copy of the Notice by calling and requesting a copy of our or by visiting our office and picking up a copy.

# **To Request Information or File a Complaint**

If you have questions, would like additional information, or want to report a problem regarding the handling of your information, you may contact

Additionally, if you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a written complaint at our office by delivering the written complaint or, you may also file a complaint by mailing it or e-mailing it to the Secretary of Health and Human Services whose street address is:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 Telephone: 202-619-0257 Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

We cannot, and will not, require you to waive the right to file a complaint with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a condition of receiving treatment from the practice.

We cannot, and will not, retaliate against you for filing a complaint with the Secretary.

#### **Other Disclosures and Uses Notification**

Unless you object, we may use or disclose your protected health information to notify, or assist in notifying, a family member, personal representative, or other person responsible for your care, about your location, and about your general condition, or your death.

# **Communication with Family**

Using our best judgment, we may disclose to a family member, other relative, close personal friend, or any other person you identify, health information relevant to that involvement in your care or in payment for such care if you do not object or in an emergency.

# Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

We may disclose to the FDA your protected health information relating to adverse events with respect to products and product defects, or post-marketing surveillance information to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacements.

#### **Workers Compensation**

If you are seeking compensation through Workers Compensation, we may disclose your protected health information to the extent necessary to comply with laws relating to Workers Compensation.

#### **Public Health**

As required by law, we may disclose your protected health information to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.

## **Abuse & Neglect**

We may disclose your protected health information to public authorities as allowed by law to report abuse or neglect.

## **Correctional Institutions**

If you are an inmate of a correctional institution, we may disclose to the institution, or its agents, your protected health information necessary for your health and the health and safety of other individuals.

#### Law Enforcement

We may disclose your protected health information for law enforcement purposes as required by law, such as when required by a court order, or in cases involving felony prosecutions, or to the extent an individual is in the custody of law enforcement.

## **Health Oversight**

Federal law allows us to release your protected health information to appropriate health oversight agencies or for health oversight activities.

## Judicial/Administrative Proceedings

We may disclose your protected health information in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding as allowed or required by law, with your consent, or as directed by a proper court order.

#### **Other Uses**

Other uses and disclosures besides those identified in this Notice will be made only as otherwise authorized by law or with your written authorization and you may revoke the authorization as previously provided.

#### Website

If we maintain a website that provides information about our entity, this Notice will be on the website.