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Privacy Policy

HIPPA: THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED, AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION

Uses and Disclosures of Information that We May Make Without Written Authorization: For treatment, payment, healthcare operations, as required by law, abuse or neglect, or communicable diseases, public health activities, health oversight activities, judicial and administrative proceedings, law enforcement, organ donation, research, workers compensation, appointments and services, marketing, business associates, military, inmates or person in police custody. **Uses and Disclosures of Information That We May Make Unless You Object:** We may use and disclose protected health information in the following instances without your written authorization unless you object:

If you object, please notify the Privacy Contact identified at the end of this document.

Persons Involved in Your Health Care: Unless you object, we may disclose protected health information to a member of your family, relative, close friend, or other person identified by you who is involved in your health care or the payment for your health care. We will limit the disclosure to the protected health information relevant to that person's involvement in your health care or payment. We may leave messages for you to call us or leave basic lab test results on your home phone unless you direct otherwise.

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Person(s) Authorized to Receive Information _____
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1. To request additional restrictions.
2. To receive communications by alternative means.
3. To inspect and copy records.
4. To request amendment to your record.
5. To request accounting of certain disclosures.
6. To receive a copy of our complete confidentiality notice.
7. To receive a copy of the bill to submit to your insurance. We will code your visit as medically correct as possible. Please note in rare instances a new diagnosis or prescription that you submit to your insurance may affect your insurability and or your insurance rates.

Complaints You may complain to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our Privacy Officer. All complaints must be in writing. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

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Patient Signature

Date