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HIPPA Notice of Privacy Practices

Patient

Name _____ Date _____
THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

This notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment or health care options (TPO) and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your right to access and control your protected health information. "Protected Health Information" is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental or condition and related health care services.

1. Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information (Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information)

Your PHI may be used and disclosed by your physician, our office staff and others outside of our office that are involved in your care and treatment for the purpose of providing health care services to you, to pay your health care bills, to support the operation of the physician's practice and any other use required by law.

Treatment:

We will use and disclose your PHI to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party. For example, we would disclose your PHI as necessary, to a home health agency that provides care to you. For example, your PHI may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician has the necessary information to diagnosis or treat you.

Payment:

Your PHI will be used, as needed to obtain payment for your health care services. For example, obtaining approval for a hospital stay may require that your relevant PHI be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for the hospital admission.

Health care Operations:

We may disclose, as needed, your PHI in order to support the business activities of your physician's practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities, training medical students, licensing, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example, we may disclose your PHI to medical students that see patients in our office. In addition, we may use a sign in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name and indicate your physician. We may also call you by name in the reception when your physician is ready to see you. We may disclose your PHI as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment.

We may use or disclose your PHI in the following situations without your authorization. These situations include: as Required by Law, Public Health issues as required by law, Communicable Disease: Health Oversight: Abuse or Neglect: Food and Drug Administration requirements: Legal Proceedings: Law Enforcement: Coroners, Funeral Directors, and Organ Donation: Research: Criminal Activity: Military Activity and National Security: Workers' Compensation: Inmates: Required Department of Health and Human Services in investigate or determine out compliance with requirements of Section 164.500.

Other permitted and Required Uses and Disclosures Will Be Made Only with Your Consent, Authorization or Opportunity to Object unless required by law.

You may revoke this authorization, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your physician or the physician's practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.

Your Rights

Following is a statement of your rights with respect to your PHI

You have the right to inspect and copy your PHI

Under federal law, However, you may not copy and inspect the following records; Psychotherapy notes; information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, and protected PHI that is subject to law that prohibits access to PHI.

Your physician is not required to agree to a restriction that you may request. If a physician believes it is in the best interest to permit use and disclosure of your PHI, Your PHI will not be restricted. You then have the right to another Healthcare Professional.

You have the right to request confidential communication from us by the alternative means or at an alternative location. You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us, upon request, even if you have agreed to accept this notice alternative i.e. electronically.

You may have the right to have your physician amend your PHI. If we deny your request for amendment, you have the right to file a statement of disagreement with us and we may prepare a rebuttal to your statement and will provide you with a copy of any such rebuttal.

You have the right to receive an accounting or certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your PHI.

We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and will inform you by mail of any changes. You then have the right to object or withdraw as provided in this notice.

Complaints

You may complain to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our privacy contact of your complaint. **We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.**

This notice was published and becomes effective on/or before **April 14th, 2003.**

We required by law to maintain the privacy of, and provide individuals with, this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI. If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPPA Compliance Officer in person or by phone, 718-967-5213.

Signature below is only acknowledgment that you have received this Notice of Privacy Practices.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____