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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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

The Health Insurance and Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a federal program that requires that all medical records and other Individual identifiable health Information used or disclosed by us in any form whether electronically, on paper, or orally, are kept properly confidential. This Act gives you the patient significant new rights to understand and control how your health information is used. HIPPA provides penalties for covered entities that misuse personal health information.

As required by HIPPA we have prepared this explanation of how we are required to maintain the privacy of your health information and how we use and disclose your health information.

We may use and disclosed your medical records only for each of the following purposes, treatment, payment, and healthcare operations.

- Treatment means providing, coordinating, or managing healthcare and related services by one or more healthcare providers. All example of this would Include teeth cleaning services.
- Payment means such activities as obtaining reimbursement for services, confirming coverage, billing or collection activities and utilization review. An example of this would be sending a bill for your visit to your insurance company for payment.
- Health Care Operations include the business aspects of running our practice, such as conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, auditing functions, cost management analysis, and customer service. Ani example would be an internal quality assessment review.

We may also create and distribute de-identified health information by removing all references to individually identifiable information.

We may contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

Any other use and disclosure will be made only with your written authorization. You may revoke such authorization in writing and we are required to honor and abide by that written request, except to extent that we have already taken actions relying on your authorization.

You have the following rights with respect to your protected health information which you can exercise by presenting a written request to the Privacy Officer.

- The right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information including those related to disclosures of family members, other relatives, close personal friends, or any other person Identified by you. We are, however not required to agree to a requested restriction. If we do agree to a restriction, we must abide by it unless you agree in writing to remove it.
- The right to reasonable requests to receive a confidential communications of protected health Information from us by alterative means or alternative locations.
- The right to inspect and copy your protected health Information.
- The right to receive an accounting of disclosures of protected health Information.
- The right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us upon request.

Signature of patient (or parent/guardian if minor)

Date

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