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PRIVACY NOTICE

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.

Our organization is committed to providing you with medical care that meets your needs. An important aspect of our service commitment to you is the protection and security of the protected health information that we obtain about you. We have always safeguarded your health information and our written privacy policy gives us an opportunity to share with you our policies that protect your health information.

We are required by law to provide you with this notice. It will describe to you what protected health information we collect about you and how that information might be used.

The Type Of Protected Health Information That We May Obtain About You:

Demographic Information: including your name, address, date of birth, phone number(s), name of your employer, your spouse or other family members, and emergency contact.

Insurance Information: including your insurance carrier, the name of the insured person, insurance identification numbers, and benefits and eligibility information.

Health Information: including your health history, past illnesses or injuries, family medical history, your social activities including use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, family life and living situation, your current and/or ongoing health problems, including medications, allergies, advised treatment and outcomes of that treatment.

Payment Information: including your insurance carrier, your record of charges, adjustments, and payments to our organization.

How We May Use and Disclose Protected Health Information About You:

Section 1:

We are not obligated to have your consent when using or disclosing protected health information for the following purposes:

- A. **For Treatment:** We may use and disclose your health information to provide, coordinate or manage your health care and any related services. We may disclose information about you to doctors, dentists, nurses, technicians, office staff or other personnel who are involved in taking care of you and your health.

For example:

- ◊ *If we schedule a test, therapy or surgery for you, we must provide information about you in order to complete the scheduling. This includes your name, demographic and insurance information and the reason for the test.*
- ◊ *Your doctor may share your medical information with another doctor who is also involved in your care so that both may have all the information to make the best treatment decisions for you.*
- ◊ *We may share information with a pharmacy so that they can fill or refill a prescription for you.*
- ◊ *We may share information about you with another provider who is on call in the absence of your provider.*

- B. **For Payment:** We may use and disclose your information to obtain payment for services you receive.

For example:

- ◊ *We may use or disclose your information to determine eligibility for insurance or benefits.*
- ◊ *We may use the name of your insurance carrier and your identification numbers in order to file a claim for you.*
- ◊ *We may disclose your information about your conditions or reasons for seeking care and the care that is provided to your insurance carrier so that they may process and pay your claim.*
- ◊ *We may disclose information about your conditions to your insurance carrier to seek approval as necessary for recommended tests and treatment.*
- ◊ *We may provide information about your services to a health care clearinghouse so that they may distribute a claim to your insurance carrier on our behalf.*