

**PATIENT REGISTRATION**

ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Chart ID: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Is:  Policy Holder Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responsible Party

Responsible Party (if someone other than the patient)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc Sec: \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers Lic: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party is also a Policy Holder for Patient  Primary Insurance Policy Holder  Secondary Insurance Policy Holder

Patient Information

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Pager: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female Marital Status:  Married  Single  Divorced  Separated  Widowed

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec.: \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers Lic: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  I would like to receive correspondences via e-mail.

Section 2

Employment Status:  Full Time  Part Time  Retired

Student Status:  Full Time  Part Time

Medicaid ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Pref. Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Pref. Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Pref. Hyg.: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Insured:  Self  Spouse  Child  Other

Insured Soc. Sec: \_\_\_\_\_ Insured Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Ins. Company/ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City,State,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Rem. Benefits: .00 Rem. Deduct: .00

Secondary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Insured:  Self  Spouse  Child  Other

Insured Soc. Sec: \_\_\_\_\_ Insured Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Ins. Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City,State,Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Rem. Benefits: .00 Rem. Deduct: .00

# MEDICAL HEALTH HISTORY:

## Do you have, or have you had, any of the following?

	Yes	No
Heart Problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chest pain _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shortness of breath _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood pressure problem _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart murmur _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart valve problem _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking heart medication _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rheumatic fever _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacemaker _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artificial heart valve _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood Problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy bruising _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent nosebleeds _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Abnormal bleeding _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood disease (anemia) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ever require a blood transfusion? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allergy Problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hay fever _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sinus problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skin rashes _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking allergy medication _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intestinal Problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ulcers _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weight gain or loss _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special diet _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constipation/Diarrhea _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kidney or bladder problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bone or Joint Problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arthritis _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Back or neck pain _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint replacement _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e.g., total hip, pins, or implants)		
Fainting Spells, Seizures, or Epilepsy _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stroke(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent or severe headaches _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thyroid problems _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Persistent cough or swollen glands _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Premedications required by physician</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer/Tumor _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No
Diabetes _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urinate more than 6 times a day _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thirsty or mouth is dry much of the time _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family history of diabetes _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuberculosis or other respiratory disease _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you drink alcohol? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, how much? _____		
Do you smoke? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, how much? _____		
Hepatitis, jaundice, or liver trouble _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Herpes or other STD _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIV-positive/AIDS _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glaucoma _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you wear contact lenses? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of head injury? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy or other neurological disease? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of alcohol or drug abuse? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any disease, condition, or problem not listed previously that you feel we should know about?		
If so, please describe: _____		

### During the past 12 months, have you taken any of the following?

	Yes	No
<b>Antibiotics or sulfa drugs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Anticoagulants (e.g., Coumadin)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>High blood pressure medicine</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tranquilizers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Insulin, Orinase, or similar drug</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Aspirin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Digitalis or drugs for heart trouble</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nitroglycerin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cortisone (steroids)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Natural remedies</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nonprescription drug/supplements</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other</b> _____		
_____		

### Are you allergic, or have you reacted adversely, to any of the following?

	Yes	No
<b>Local anesthetics ("Novocaine")</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Penicillin or other antibiotics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sulfa drugs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Barbiturates, sedatives, or sleeping pills</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Aspirin, Acetaminophen, or Ibuprofen</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Codeine, Demerol, or other narcotics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reaction to metals</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Latex or rubber dam</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other</b> _____		

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No
<b>Women</b>		
Are you taking contraceptives or other hormones?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you pregnant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, expected delivery date: _____		
Are you nursing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you reached menopause?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, do you have any symptoms? _____		

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patient/Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dentist Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**HIPAA OMNIBUS RULE**  
**Patient Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices**  
**And Consent/Limited Authorization & Release Form**

You may refuse to sign this acknowledgement & authorization. In refusing, we may not be allowed to process your insurance claims

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of a copy of the currently effective Notice of Privacy Practices for this healthcare facility. A copy of this signed, dated document shall be as effective as the original. **My signature will also serve as a phi document release treatment or radiographs be sent to another attending doctor/facilities in the future.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please **Print** name of patient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please **Sign** for Patient/Guardian of Patient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Representative/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship of Legal Representative/Guardian

Comments regarding Acknowledgements or consents: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to be addressed when summoned from the waiting room?

- First Name
- Proper Sir Name    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other parties who may have access to your health information (this includes step-parents, grandparents and any caretakers that can have access this patient's records):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

I AUTHORIZE CONTACT FROM THIS OFFICE TO **CONFIRM MY APPOINTMENTS, TREATMENT & BILLING INFORMATION** VIA:

- Cell Phone Confirmation
- Home phone Confirmation
- Work Phone Confirmation
- Text Message to My Cell Phone
- Email Confirmation
- Any of the Above**

I AUTHORIZE **INFORMATION ABOUT MY HEALTH** BE CONVEYED VIA:

- Cell Phone Confirmation
- Home Phone Confirmation
- Work Phone Confirmation
- Text Message to My Cell Phone
- Email Confirmation
- Any of the Above**

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I AUTHORIZE BEING CONTACTED ABOUT **SPECIAL EVENTS, FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OR NEW HEALTH INFO** on Behalf of this Healthcare Facility via:

- Phone Message
- Text Message
- Email Message
- Any of the Above**
- None of the Above** (Opt out)

In signing this HIPAA Patient Acknowledgement Form, you acknowledge and authorize, that this office may recommend products or services to promote your improved health. This office may or may not receive third party remuneration from these affiliated companies. We, under the current HIPAA Omnibus Rule, provide this information with your knowledge and consent.

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Sign Here

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**For Office use Only**

As Privacy Officer, I attempted to obtain the patient's (or representatives) signature but did not because:

It was an emergency treatment \_\_\_\_\_

I could not Communicate with the patient \_\_\_\_\_

The patient refused to sign \_\_\_\_\_

The patient was unable to sign because \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Privacy Officer

# American Dental Care of New Jersey

531 US Highway 22 East Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

908.534.4001

[www.myamericandentalcare.com](http://www.myamericandentalcare.com)

## **WRITTEN FINANCIAL POLICY**

Thank you for choosing American Dental Care of New Jersey. Our Primary mission is to deliver the best and most comprehensive dental care available. An important part of the mission is making the cost of the optimal care as easy and manageable for our patients as possible by offering several payment options.

### **Payment Options:**

You can choose from:

- Cash, Check, Visa, Master Card, American Express or Discover Card
- Convenient Monthly Payment Options from Green Sky or Care Credit Health Care Credit Card
  - Allow you to pay over time
  - No annual fees or pre-payment penalties

Please note:

American Dental Care of New Jersey requires payment at the beginning of your treatment

For patients with dental insurance, we are happy to work with your insurance carrier to maximize your benefit and directly bill them for reimbursement of your treatment. (for in-network benefits only) You are responsible for paying your deductibles and co-pays at the time of service. Any remaining balance after insurance reimbursement is your responsibility.

### **Appointment Agreement:**

At American Dental Care of New Jersey, we understand that your time is very valuable. We are constantly striving to make your experience here better than any other place you have previously been. Trying to accommodate every patient's individual needs and work schedules can be challenging. We make every effort to stay on time so that our patients do not have to wait unnecessarily.

Your appointment is a commitment between you and our office. We ask that you make every effort to keep that commitment. We do provide a courtesy call one to two days prior to your appointment.

If you do find that you cannot keep your appointment, we do require a minimum of 24 business hours so that we are able to assist other patients with their dental needs. If our office is not notified within 24 business hours, you may be subject to a \$50 late cancellation charge.

For appointments exceeding 1 Hour, 48 hours notice is required. If our office is not notified with 48 hours, you will be subject to a \$50 cancellation charge, plus \$25 for each additional ½ hour. Each patient must confirm or cancel their scheduled appointment.

**By signing below, I agree to fulfill my obligation as a patient of American Dental Care of New Jersey and agree to the "broken appointment" fee should I not give proper notification.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to help you get the dentistry you want or need.

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Patient, Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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Patient Name (please print)

## **Amalgam Restorations Policy**

Amalgam is also known as a silver filling. This filling material is a combination of metals; we however do not offer this as a form of restoration due to amalgam causing fractures on the remaining tooth structure and the metals containing mercury which causes an environmental concern during disposal.

Reasons not to use amalgam for dental use:

- Dental Amalgam is unsightly and blackens over time
- Dental Amalgam expands and contracts with hot and cold, often contributing to painful fractures in the remaining tooth structure.
- Exposure to mercury should be minimized where an alternative restoration is available particularly in children, pregnant women, and persons suffering from kidney disease.
- The single greatest source of mercury exposure for the general population is dental amalgam.
- Possible short-term sensitivity to hot or cold after the filling is placed.
- The silver-colored filling is not as natural looking as one that is tooth colored, especially when the restoration is near the front of the mouth and shows when a patient laughs or speaks.
- To prepare the tooth, the dentist may need to remove more tooth structure to accommodate an amalgam filling than for other types of fillings.
- Amalgams are placed after decay is removed from a tooth. Some insurance companies cover only amalgam restorations so in these cases, the patient is charged the difference between the amalgam fee and the cost of the composite restoration. Cost varies widely due to the number of surfaces and complexity involved in the removal and filling. Our front office staff can give you an estimate for your particular fee and insurance coverage.

**By signing this form, you are agreeing that you understand our office policy on amalgam restorations.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Patient Photo Release Form**

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize American Dental Care of New Jersey or any of their assignees to take photographs, slides, and videos of my teeth, jaws, and face. I understand that the photographs, slides, and videos will be used as a record of my care and may be used for communication with other health care professionals, educational publications (dental journals), and educational lectures. The content may also be used for advertising purposes (including website publication, Facebook posts, etc).

I further understand that if the photographs, slides, and videos are used in any publication or as a part of a demonstration, my identifying information (first name only) could be used unless stated differently below. I do not expect compensation, financial or otherwise, for the use of these photographs. If I wish to revoke this consent, I may do so in writing.

If declining this consent, leave blank.

Please initial one option:

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not mind if my photographs are used in any of the above stated situations.

\_\_\_\_\_ I only agree to have my teeth shown without any identifying features.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Questionnaire

1. Are you happy with your smile?    Y    N
2. If you could change one thing about your smile what would it be?  

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3. Would you like whiter teeth?            Y    N
4. If you could achieve your perfect smile without painful shots or shaving down your natural teeth, would you be interested?            Y    N
5. If you could straighten your teeth without the need for metal brackets(BRACES) on the front of your teeth would you be interested?            Y    N
6. If you would like to improve your smile but haven't yet, what is the biggest factor holding you back from achieving it? 

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7. Do you SNORE loudly?            Y    N
8. Do you often feel TIRED, sleepy, or fatigued during the daytime?            Y    N
9. Has anyone observed you stop breathing during your sleep?            Y    N
10. Have you ever been diagnosed with sleep apnea?            Y    N
11. Have you ever noticed or been told you grind your teeth at night?            Y    N



# America Dental Care of New Jersey

## 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 IT CAREFULLY.**

### **I. Dental Practice Covered by this Notice**

This Notice describes the privacy practices of American Dental Care of New Jersey ("Dental Practice"). "We" and "our" means the Dental Practice. "You" and "your" means our patient.

### **II. How to Contact Us/Our Privacy Official**

If you have any questions or would like further information about this Notice, you can contact American Dental Care of New Jersey's Privacy Official at:

**Joannie Yurgel**

**531 US Highway 22 East**

**Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889**

**908.534.4001**

**manager@myamericandentalcare.com**

### **III. Our Promise to You and Our Legal Obligations**

The privacy of your health information is important to us. We understand that your health information is personal, and we are committed to protecting it. This Notice describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your rights 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 health or condition and related health care services.

We are required by law to:

- Maintain the privacy of your protected health information;
- Give you this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to that information; and
- Abide by the terms of our Notice that is currently in effect.

### **IV. Last Revision Date**

This Notice was last revised on May 23, 2019.

### **V. How We May Use or Disclose Your Health Information**

The following examples describe different ways we may use or disclose your health information. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive. We are permitted by law to use and disclose your health information for the following purposes:

#### **A. Common Uses and Disclosures**

**1. Treatment.** We may use your health information to provide you with dental treatment or services, such as cleaning or examining your teeth or performing dental procedures. We may disclose health information about you to dental specialists, physicians, or other health care professionals involved in your care.

**2. Payment.** We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment from health plans and insurers for the care that we provide to you.

**3. Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose health information about you in connection with health care operations necessary to run our practice, including review of our treatment and services, training, evaluating the performance of our staff and health care professionals, quality assurance, financial or billing audits, legal matters, and business planning and development.

**4. Appointment Reminders.** We may use or disclose your health information when contacting you to remind you of a dental appointment. We may contact you by using a postcard, letter, phone call, voice message, text or email.

**5. Treatment Alternatives and Health-Related Benefits and Services.** We may use and disclose your health information to tell you about treatment options or alternatives or health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

**6. Disclosure to Family Members and Friends.** We may disclose your health information to a family member or friend who is involved with your care or payment for your care if you do not object or, if you are not present, we believe it is in your best interest to do so.

**7. Disclosure to Business Associates.** We may disclose your protected health information to our third-party service providers (called, "business associates") that perform functions on our behalf or provide us with services if the information is necessary for such functions or services. For example, we may use a business associate to assist us in maintaining our practice management software. All of our business associates are obligated, under contract with us, to protect the privacy of your information and are not allowed to use or disclose any information other than as specified in our contract.

## **B. Less Common Uses and Disclosures**

**1. Disclosures Required by Law.** We may use or disclose patient health information to the extent we are required by law to do so. For example, we are required to disclose patient health information to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services so that it can investigate complaints or determine our compliance with HIPAA.

**2. Public Health Activities.** We may disclose patient health information for public health activities and purposes, which include: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting births or deaths; reporting child abuse or neglect; reporting adverse reactions to medications or foods; reporting product defects; enabling product recalls; and notifying a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

**3. Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence.** We may disclose health information to the appropriate government authority about a patient whom we believe is a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.

**4. Health Oversight Activities.** We may disclose patient health information to a health oversight agency for activities necessary for the government to provide appropriate oversight of the health care system, certain government benefit programs, and compliance with certain civil rights laws.

**5. Lawsuits and Legal Actions.** We may disclose patient health information in response to (i) a court or administrative order or (ii) a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process that is not ordered by a court if efforts have been made to notify the patient or to obtain an order protecting the information requested.

**6. Law Enforcement Purposes.** We may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for a law enforcement purposes, such as to identify or locate a suspect, material witness or missing person or to alert law enforcement of a crime.

**7. Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors.** We may disclose your health information to a coroner, medical examiner or funeral director to allow them to carry out their duties.

**8. Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation.** We may use or disclose your health information to organ procurement organizations or others that obtain, bank or transplant cadaveric organs, eyes or tissue for donation and transplant.

**9. Research Purposes.** We may use or disclose your information for research purposes pursuant to patient authorization waiver approval by an Institutional Review Board or Privacy Board.

**10. Serious Threat to Health or Safety.** We may use or disclose your health information if we believe it is necessary to do so to prevent or lessen a serious threat to anyone's health or safety.

**11. Specialized Government Functions.** We may disclose your health information to the military (domestic or foreign) about its members or veterans, for national security and protective services for the President or other heads of state, to the government for security clearance reviews, and to a jail or prison about its inmates.

**12. Workers' Compensation.** We may disclose your health information to comply with workers' compensation laws or similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.

## **VI. Your Written Authorization for Any Other Use or Disclosure of Your Health Information**

Uses and disclosures of your protected health information that involve the release of psychotherapy notes (if any), marketing, sale of your protected health information, or other uses or disclosures not described in this notice will be made only with your written authorization, unless otherwise permitted or required by law. You may revoke this authorization at any time, in writing, except to the extent that this office has taken an action in reliance on the use of disclosure indicated in the authorization. If a use or disclosure of protected health information described above in this notice is prohibited or materially limited by other laws that apply to use, we intend to meet the requirements of the more stringent law.

## **VII. Your Rights with Respect to Your Health Information**

You have the following rights with respect to certain health information that we have about you (information in a Designated Record Set as defined by HIPAA). To exercise any of these rights, you must submit a written request to our Privacy Official listed on the first page of this Notice.

### **A. Right to Access and Review**

You may request to access and review a copy of your health information. We may deny your request under certain circumstances. You will receive written notice of a denial and can appeal it. We will provide a copy of your health information in a format you request if it is readily producible. If not readily producible, we will provide it in a hard copy format or other format that is mutually agreeable. If your health information is included in an Electronic Health Record, you have the right to obtain a copy of it in an electronic format and to direct us to send it to the person or entity you designate in an electronic format. We may charge a reasonable fee to cover our cost to provide you with copies of your health information.

### **B. Right to Amend**

If you believe that your health information is incorrect or incomplete, you may request that we amend it. We may deny your request under certain circumstances. You will receive written notice of a denial and can file a statement of disagreement that will be included with your health information that you believe is incorrect or incomplete.

### **C. Right to Restrict Use and Disclosure**

You may request that we restrict uses of your health information to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations or to your family member or friend involved in your care or the payment for your care. We may not (and are not required to) agree to your requested restrictions, with one exception: If you pay out of your pocket in full for a service you receive from us and you request that we not submit the claim for this service to your health insurer or health plan for reimbursement, we must honor that request.

### **D. Right to Confidential Communications, Alternative Means and Locations**

You may request to receive communications of health information by alternative means or at an alternative location. We will accommodate a request if it is reasonable and you indicate that communication by regular means could endanger you. When you submit a written request to the Privacy Official listed on the first page of this Notice, you need to provide an alternative method of contact or alternative address and indicate how payment for services will be handled.

### **E. Right to an Accounting of Disclosures**

You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information for the six (6) years prior to the date that the accounting is requested except for disclosures to carry out treatment, payment, health care operations (and certain other exceptions as provided by HIPAA). The first accounting we provide in any 12-month period will be without charge to you. We may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost for each subsequent request for an accounting within the same 12-month period. We will notify you in advance of this fee and you may choose to modify or withdraw your request at that time.

#### **F. Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice**

You have the right to a paper copy of this Notice. You may ask us to give you a paper copy of the Notice at any time (even if you have agreed to receive the Notice electronically). To obtain a paper copy, ask the Privacy Official.

#### **G. Right to Receive Notification of a Security Breach**

We are required by law to notify you if the privacy or security of your health information has been breached. The notification will occur by first class mail within sixty (60) days of the event. A breach occurs when there has been an unauthorized use or disclosure under HIPAA that compromises the privacy or security of your health information.

The breach notification will contain the following information: (1) a brief description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach; (2) the steps you should take to protect yourself from potential harm resulting from the breach; and (3) a brief description of what we are doing to investigate the breach, mitigate losses, and to protect against further breaches.

#### **VIII. Special Protections for HIV, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Genetic Information**

Certain federal and state laws may require special privacy protections that restrict the use and disclosure of certain health information, including HIV-related information, alcohol and substance abuse information, mental health information, and genetic information. For example, a health plan is not permitted to use or disclose genetic information for underwriting purposes. Some parts of this HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices may not apply to these types of information. If your treatment involves this information, you may contact our office for more information about these protections.

#### **IX. Our Right to Change Our Privacy Practices and This Notice**

We reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice at any time. Any change will apply to the health information we have about you or create or receive in the future. We will promptly revise the Notice when there is a material change to the uses or disclosures, individual's rights, our legal duties, or other privacy practices discussed in this Notice. We will post the revised Notice on our website (if applicable) and in our office and will provide a copy of it to you on request.

#### **X. How to Make Privacy Complaints**

If you have any complaints about your privacy rights or how your health information has been used or disclosed, you may file a complaint with us by contacting our Privacy Official listed on the first page of this Notice.

You may also file a written complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. We will not retaliate against you in any way if you choose to file a complaint.