

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information. I understand that this information can and will be used to:

- Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow up among the multiple health-care providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly.
- Obtain payment from myself and/or from third-party payers.
- Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physician certifications.

I have received, read and understand your Summary Notice of Privacy Practices containing an outline of the uses and disclosures of my health information. I understand that I may request and receive a condensed version of the full copy or a complete full copy of your Notice of Privacy Practices at any time. I understand that this organization has the right to change its Notice of Privacy Practices from time to time and that I may contact this organization at any time at the address above to obtain a current copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices.

I understand that phone messages may be left with persons answering at my home or on an answering machine regarding the following: scheduling of my health care appointments, patient account status and/or requests that I contact the office. I understand that I may request in writing that you restrict how my private information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations. I also understand that you are not required to agree to my requested restrictions, but if you do agree by written reply, then you are bound to abide by such restrictions.

Patient Name: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

I attempted to obtain the patient's signature in acknowledgement on this Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement, but was unable to do so as documented below:

Date:	Initials:	Reason:
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