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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED

THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

This office has always complied with any applicable state or federal privacy law and will continue to do so. Even in the absence of applicable laws, this office maintains high standards of discretion and professionalism.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) prescribes certain protocols for offices that submit claims and other transactions electronically. **This office does not submit claims electronically.**

USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION

We use and disclose health information about you for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. For example:

Treatment: We may use or disclose your health information to a physician or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you.

Payment: We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide to you.

Your Authorization: In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment of healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose.

To Family and Friends: We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. We may disclose your health information to a family member, friend or other person to the extent necessary to help with your healthcare or with payment for your healthcare, but only if you agree that we may do so.

Persons Involved in Care: We will use our professional judgment and our experience to make decisions of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays, or other similar forms of health information.

Marketing Health-Related Services: We will not use your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization.

Required by Law: We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law.

National Security: We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody of protected health information of inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

Appointment Reminders: We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards or letters).

PATIENT RIGHTS

Access: You have the right to look at or get copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practicably do so. (You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your health information).

QUESTIONS

If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us. We support your right to the privacy of your health information.