



## 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.

As part of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, known as HIPAA, the Facility has created this Notice of Privacy Practices (Notice). This Notice describes the Facility's privacy practices and the rights you, the individual, have as they relate to the privacy of your Protected Health Information (PHI). Your PHI is information about you, or that could be used to identify you, as it relates to your past and present physical and mental health care services. The HIPAA regulations require that the Facility protect the privacy of your PHI that the Facility has received or created.

This Facility will abide by the terms presented within this Notice. For any uses or disclosures that are not listed below (Including Marketing and Selling of PHI), the Facility will obtain a written authorization from you for that use or disclosure, which you will have the right to revoke at any time, as explained in more detail below. The Facility reserves the right to change the Facility's privacy practices and this Notice.

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### HOW THE FACILITY MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR PHI

The following is an accounting of the ways that the Facility is permitted, by law, to use and disclose your PHI.

**Uses and disclosures of PHI for Treatment:** We will use the PHI that we receive from you to fill your prescription and coordinate or manage your health care.

**Uses and disclosures of PHI for Payment:** The Facility will disclose your PHI to obtain payment or reimbursement from insurers for your health care services.

**Uses and disclosures of PHI for Health Care Options:** The Facility may use the minimum necessary amount of your PHI to conduct quality assessments, improvement activities, and evaluate the Facility workforce.

The following is an accounting of additional ways in which the Facility is permitted or required to use or disclose PHI about you without your written authorization.

**Uses and disclosures as required by law:** The Facility is required to use or disclose PHI about you as required and as limited by law.

**Uses and disclosure for Public Health Activities:** The Facility may use or disclose PHI about you to a public health authority that is authorized by law to collect for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability. This includes the FDA, so that it may monitor any adverse effects of drugs, foods, nutritional supplements and other products as required by law.

**Uses and disclosure about victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence:** The Facility may use or disclose PHI about you to a government authority if it is reasonably believed you are a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.

**Uses and disclosures for health oversight activities:** The Facility may use or disclose PHI about you to a health oversight agency for oversight activities which may include audits, investigations, inspections as necessary for licensure, compliance with civil laws, or other activities the health oversight agency is authorized by law to conduct.

**Disclosures to Individuals Involved in your Care:** The Facility may disclose PHI about you to individuals involved in your care.

**Disclosures for judicial and administrative proceedings:** The Facility may disclose PHI about you in the course of any judicial or administrative proceedings, provided that proper documentation is presented to the Facility.

**Disclosures for law enforcement purposes:** The Facility may disclose PHI about you to law enforcement officials for authorized purposes as required by law or in response to a court order or subpoena.

**Uses and disclosures about the deceased:** The Facility may disclose PHI about a deceased, or prior to, and in reasonable anticipation of an individual's death, to coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors.

**Uses and disclosures for cadaveric organ, eye or tissue donation purposes:** The Facility may use and disclose PHI for the purpose of procurement, banking, or transplantation of cadaveric organs, eyes, or tissues for donation purposes.

**Uses and disclosures for research purposes:** The Facility may use and disclose PHI about you for research purposes with a valid waiver of authorization approved by an institutional review board or a privacy board. Otherwise, the Facility will request a signed authorization by the individual for all other research purposes.

**Uses and disclosures to avert a serious threat to health or safety:** The Facility may use or disclose PHI about you, if it believed in good faith, and is consistent with any applicable law and standards of ethical conduct, to avert a serious threat to health or safety.

**Uses and disclosures for specialized government functions:** The Facility may use or disclose PHI about you for specialized government functions including: military and veteran's activities, national security and intelligence, protective services, department of state functions, and correctional institutions and law enforcement custodial situations.

**Disclosure for workers' compensation:** The Facility may disclose PHI about you as authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with workers' compensation laws or programs established by law.

**Disclosures for disaster relief purposes:** The Facility may disclose PHI about you as authorized by law to a public or private entity to assist in disaster relief efforts and for family and personal representative notification.

**Disclosures to business associates:** The Facility may disclose PHI about you to the Facility's business associates for services that they may provide to or for the Facility to assist the Facility to provide quality health care. To ensure the privacy of your PHI, we require all business associates to apply appropriate safeguards to any PHI they receive or create.