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The Department of Health and Human Services has established a "Privacy Rule" to help insure that personal health care information is protected for privacy. The Privacy Rule was also created in order to provide a standard for certain health care providers to obtain their patients' consent for uses and disclosures of health information about the patient to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations.

As our patient we want you to know that we respect the privacy of your personal medical records and will do all we can to secure and protect that privacy. When it is appropriate and necessary, we provide the minimum necessary information to only those we feel are in need of your health care information and information about treatment, payment or health care operations, in order to provide health care that is in your best interest.

We also want you to know that we support your full access to your personal medical records. We may have indirect treatment relationships with you (such as laboratories that only interact with physicians and not patients), and may have to disclose personal health information for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations. These entities are most often not required to obtain patient consent.

You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses or disclosures of your personal health information, by submitting a specific request in writing. We reserve the right to accept or reject your request. Under this law, we have the right to refuse to treat you should you choose to refuse to disclose your Personal Health Information (PHI).

If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer.

You have the right to review our privacy notice and to request a copy.

Patient's name

Patient's signature

Date

COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE NOTIFICATION FOR OUR PATIENTS

To our valued patients:

We want you to know that all our employees, managers, and providers continually undergo training so that they may understand and comply with government rules and regulations regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) with particular emphasis on the "Privacy Rule". We strive to achieve the very highest standards of ethics and integrity in performing services for our patients.

It is our policy to properly determine appropriate uses of PHI in accordance with the governmental rules, laws and regulations. We have implemented a Compliance Program that we believe will help us prevent any inappropriate use of PHI.

We also know that we are not perfect. Because, of this fact, our policy is to listen to our employees and our patients without any thought of penalization if they feel that an event in any way compromises our policy of integrity. More so, we welcome your input regarding any service problem so that we may remedy the situation promptly.

Thank you for being one of our valued patients.