

Patient Registration Form

First:		MI:	Last:		Prefers to	be called:		Pt ID:		
Pronouns:	Sex:	Gende	er Identity:	Date o	f Birth:	/ /	Age:	Marital Sta (Ma		ivorced/Widowed/Other;
Address Primary:				City:			State:	Zip	:	
Alternate Address:				City:			State:	Zip:		
Phone #1:			Phone	#2:			Phone #	ŧ3:		
Home	/Cell	/Work		Home	/Cell	/Work		Home	/Cell	/Work
Email:				Preferred M	lethod of Co	ntact: Letter	Phone	Email	Other:	
Referring Physician:				F	Primary Care	Physician:				
Preferred Language:			Race:		Ethr	nicity: (No	on-Hispanic or Lati	no / Hispanic c	r Latino / Oth	er / Undetermined)
Referred By: Physician	Self	Family,	/Friend Ir	nternet	Yellow Page	s Radio	TV	Other:		
Occupation:			Empl	loyer:			Is this	s visit relate	d to a work	injury? (Y/N):

Current Pharmacy Name & Location:

Emergency Contact								
Name:	Phone #:	Relationship to patient:						
	Responsible Party/Guardian/Guarant	tor Address Same as Patient? Yes						
Name:	Address:	City: State: Zip:						
Home #:	Cell #:	Business #:						
Patient's Relationshi	o to Guarantor:	Date of Birth: / /						
Sex: Occupa	ion: Employer:							

Patient Registration Form

	Primary Insurance Information	ion Address Same	as Patient? Yes	
Name of Ins. Co.:	ID#:	Group #:	Group Name:	
Policy Holder Name:	Date of Birth:	/ / Relationsl	hip to Patient:	
Address:	City:	State: Zip:	Phone #:	
Sex: Occupation:		Employer:		
	Secondary Insurance Informa	ntion Address Sam	e as Patient? Yes	
Name of Ins. Co.:	ID#:	Group #:	Group Name:	
Policy Holder Name:	Date of Birth:	/ / Relationsl	hip to Patient:	
Address:	City:	State: Zip:	Phone #:	
Sex: Occupation:		Employer:		

Financial Authorization

We participate and accept assignment of payment with most major insurance plans in the area. Even though we may submit insurance claims for you, your insurance coverage is a contract between you and your insurer and you are still responsible for payments and services regardless of the amount your insurance pays. If your insurance company requires an authorization or referral, it is the patient's responsibility to obtain this for the initial visit and for continuation of care.

I hearby authorize the office of Allergy Partners to release any information necessary to process any insurance claim for services rendered. I hereby authorize payment from my insurance company or governmental payor to pay directly to Allergy Partners for services rendered. Regardless of my insurance benefits, if any, I understand that I am financially responsible for the fees for services rendered.

Print Name/Signature:			Date:
	Print Name / Signature	(Patient/Parent/Guardian)	
		Please Print & Sign This Form	

Receipt of HIPAA Notice and Designated Communications

Patient Full Name:

Date of Birth: / 1

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I. Acknowledgment of Receipt of HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

I acknowledge that I have been provided a copy of the practice's Notice of Privacy Practices and have thereby been notified of how my protected health information (PHI) may be used and/or disclosed, and of my rights and the practice's legal obligations with respect to my PHI. I understand that I may contact the Allergy Partners Department of Compliance & Privacy as designated on the notice if I have a guestion or complaint.

_____ Date: Print Name: Signature: _

Relationship to Patient (Please select one): Self Parent Legal Guardian

If no signature is provided above, Allergy Partners staff will make a good faith effort to obtain acknowledgment of receipt of Allergy Partners Notice of Privacy Practices at the first visit.

II. Designated Communications

Messages: I understand that it may be necessary from time to time for Allergy Partners to leave messages when they are unable to reach me. I wish to be contacted as follows: (Please designate preferred number to call)

		Yes	<u>No</u>
Cell/Mobile Telephone:	Leave message with confirmation of appointment or call back only.		
	Leave message with results, detailed information.		
	Send appointment reminders via text message.		
Home Telephone:	Leave message with confirmation of appointment or call back only.		
	Leave message with results, detailed information.		
Work Telephone:	Leave message with confirmation of appointment or call back only.		
	Leave message with results, detailed information.		
Preferred number to call: Cell/Mobile: Home: Work:			
Family Member/Parents*/Friends: Allergy Partners may share n	ny protected health information with the following designated individuals:		
Print Name:	Relationship:		
Print Name:	Relationship:		
* Patients aged 18 years and older. Pelase note that we cannot dis priate information above.	scuss your healthcare, insurance or payment with your parents/others unless y	ou fill out t	he appro-
I may revoke my designations above in writing by completing a ne extent that the practice has already made disclosures in reliance u	ew Receipt of HIPAA Notice and Designation of Authorized Communications for upon my prior designation.	rm except t	o the
Print Name: Signatu	Ire: Date:		
Relationship to Patient (Please select one): Self Parent	Legal Guardian		
For special requests to identify specific person(s) not authorized t	to receive PHI, speak directly with the Practice Manager.		

Medical History Form

Patient Full Name:

Date of Birth: / /

Past Medical History

(check any of the following which you have now or have been treated for in the past)

ADD Alcoholism Allergic Rhinitis Anemia Anxiety Arthritis Asthma Chronic Hives Chronic Rhinitis Chronic Sinusitis Chronic Pansinusitus Congestive Heart Failure Connective Tissue Disease COPD Depression Diabetes Eczema Food Allergies GERD/Reflux Heart Disease Hypertension Hyperlipidermia Hypothyroidism Inflammatory Bowel Disease Irritable Bowel Syndrome Immune Deficiency Kidney Disease Liver Disease Migraines Skin Cancer Other Cancer Prostate Disorder Sleep Apnea Thyroid Disease Tuberculosis

Surgery History:

Adenoidectomy	Deviated Septum	Pacemaker
Appendectomy	Ear Tubes	Sinus Surgery
CABG (heart bypass)	Hernia Repair	Thyroid Surgery
Cholecystectomy (Gallbladder)	Hip/Knee Surgery	Tonsillectomy
Colon Resection	Hysterectomy	Tonsillectomy & Adenoidectomy
C-Secton	Organ Transplant	Other

Family History: (Immediate family only Mother, Father, Sibling or Children) No Children

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No Problems	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Unknown Allergy	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Allergies	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Asthma	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Anaphylaxis	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Cystic Fibrosis	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Diabetes	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Eczema	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Food Allergies	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Heart Disease	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Hives	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Hyperlipidermia (high cholestrol)	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Immune Deficiency	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Infections, recurring	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Psychiatric Disorder	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Swelling	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children
Venom Allergies	Mother	Father	Sibling	Patient's Children

Social History: (13 years of age and older)

Martial Status: Smoking Status:		every day		Married rrent some day	Widow(er) smoker Fo	Other Does not ap rmer smoker	oply (child/minor)
	Never si	moker	Unknown if eve	er smoked			
	Cigarett	es	packs per day	Cigars	# per day	Smokeless chew	tins per day
Smoking Duration: Maximum packs per e-Cigarettes/Vaping: Cannabis:	,		rs 6-10 years 1 1 1/2 year Yes Frequency equency: 1/ho	s 2 or more : 1/hour	e 1/day 1/w	rears Year Started eek 1/month I/month	Year Quit
Method:	Inhalatio		pical Edibles	u 1, uu y	I) WEEK	i/month	
Readiness to quit:	very re	ady a	somewhat ready	not ready	relapsed	not willing to quit targ	jet quit date
Occupation: Alcohol Intake: Hobbies:	Never	Rarely	v Weekly	Work lo Daily Sc	cation: indoc cially	rs outdoor hours sp	oent outside

Medical History Form

Pediatric patients only

	Attends	school	dayc	are (nam	e of s	school/daycare)
child wa		nave siblings premature	5?	yes full term	no	if yes, how many
Labor/D	elivery/Neor	natal Compli	cation	S	yes	no
If yes:						
	Intubation				yes	no
	Ventilation				yes	no
	breast fed				yes	no
	feeding diff	iculties			yes	no
<u>LATE</u> or	n immunizatio	ons			yes	no
Abnormal growth and development					yes	no



Medication Form

Patient Full Name:

Date of Birth: / /

Current Medications & Supplements

(include milligram and number of times per day)

Medication Name

<u>Strength</u>

Times Per Day

Taking this for what diagnosis?

Allergies to Medications
Reactions (hives, throat swelling, other reactions)

Name of Medication

No Known Drug Allergies

When was your last flu shot?				When was your last pneumonia shot?			
Have you had the COVID Vaccine?	yes	no	Manufad	cturer:			
Dose/s:		(1 oi	r 2)	Date 1:			Date 2:
Booster:					Date:		
Preferred Pharmacy:							
Address Primary:							
City:				State:		Zip:	
Telephone:					Fax:		

Review of Systems / Environmental History

Patient Full Name:

Date of Birth: / /

Reason for today's visit:

Do you CURRENTLY have ongoing/recurring problems with any of the following:

GENERAL	NOSE	RESPIRATORY	SKIN
no problem	no problem	no problem	no problem
poor weight gain	nasal congestion	cough	swelling
fevers	clear nasal drainage	chest tightness	dryness
chills	colored nasal drainage	coughing up blood	hives
sweats	post nasal drip	daytime sleepiness	itching
poor appetite	nosebleeds	shortness of breath	rash
fatigue	itching	snoring	eczema
malaise	sneezing	wheezing	
weight loss	sinus pressure/pain	difficulty with exercise	
EYES	THROAT	GASTROINTESTINAL	NEUROLOGIC
no problem	no problem	no problem	no problem
blurring	hoarseness	heartburn	headaches
discharge	difficulty swallowing	nausea	weakness
eye pain	sore throat	vomiting	seizures
itchy	oral ulcers	diarrhea	passing out
red	throat clearing	constipation	dizziness
vision loss	itching	abdominal pain	
watery		bloody stool	
dry		jaundice	
EARS	CARDIOVASCULAR	MUSCULOSKELETAL	MENTAL HEALTH
no problem	no problem	no problem	no problem
earache	chest pains	back pain	depression
ear discharge	palpitations	joint pain	anxiety
ringing in the ears	passing out	joint swelling	hyperactivity problem
decreased hearing	peripheral edema	stiffness	behavior problem
ears popping	shortness of breath		
room spinning around	lying down flat		
itching		ALL	ERGIC/IMMUNOLOGIC

ALLERGIC/IMMUNOLOGIC

no problem recurring infections venom sting reaction latex reaction food reaction drug reaction

Continued

HOUSING

FOUNDATION

house apartment/condo mobile/ manufactured home

basement crawlspace slab

AIR CONDITIONING

none window units central evaporative cooler

HEATING

none wood stove central hot air kerosene electric space heater

INDOOR MOLD

PESTS

none visible mold musty odors water damage in home

none roaches rodents

SMOKE EXPOSURE

none parents spouse/partner grandparent caretaker other

BEDROOM

How Many?

carpet ceiling fan humidifier

BED

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

PETS IN HOME

crib mattress standard mattress water bed down pillow/comforter stuffed toys wool blanket allergy pillow cover allergy mattress cover pets sleeps in bed

none cattle chickens horses

goats

farm

dog(s) inside: none cat(s) inside: dogs cats birds hamsters gerbils rabbits guinea pigs other

Some Medications can interfere with allergy skin testing. To obtain the most accurate results, **please stop antihistamines used for allergy treatment as noted below prior to New Patient Appointments or other visits if you plan to have allergy skin testing**. If you have a question about whether it is safe for you to stop your antihistamine, please contact your prescribing physician.

Do not stop your daily asthma inhalers.

Cyproheptadine (Periactin) Levocetirizine (Xyzal)	Desloratidine (Clarinex) Montelucast (Singulair)	Hydroxyzine (Atarax/Vistaril)	
	VING MEDICATIONS FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMEN		
		AS PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMEN.	
Sedating Allergy Medications (All Fo	·		
Advil Allergy	Carbinoxamine	Extendryl	
Alahist AlleRX	Chlorpheniramine	Ketotifen	
	Clor-Trimeton	Palgic	
Allergy Relief Medication Brompheniramine (Bromfed)	Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) Doxylamine	Polyhistine Pyrilamine (also found in Midol)	
Tylenol Allergy	Doxyrainine	rymannie (also found in Midol)	
Non-Sedating Allergy Medications (A	ll Forms)		
Cetirizine (Zyrtec, Wal-Zyr)	Fexofenadine (Allegra)	Loratadine (Claritin, Alavert)	
Nasal Sprays			
Azelastine (Astelin, Astepro)	Dymista	Olopatadine (Patanase)	
Stomach Acid Reducers			
Cimetidine (Tagamet)	Famotidine (Pepcid)		
Cough/Cold /Sinus Remedies			
Actifed	Dimetane	Semprex-D	
Advil Cold/Sinus	Dimetapp	Sinutab	
Aleve Cold Alka Seltzer Plus/Cold	Drixoral Norel SR/MD	Sudafed Cold + Allergy Tanafed	
Allerest	Nyquil	Theraflu (All forms)	
BC Cold Powder	Pediacare	Time Hist	
Benylin Cough	Percogesic	Triaminic (All forms)	
Comtrex	Phenyltoloxamine	Tussionex	
Contac	Robitussin (many forms)	Tylenol Cold+Sinus	
Coricidin	Rondec	Vicks 44 M	
Co-Tylenol	Rynatan/R-Tannate	Zicam	
Sleep Aids			
Advil PM	Doxylamine	Nytol	
Alertec (Modafinil)	Excedrin PM	Sominex	
Doxepin (Sinequan)	Night Time Sleep Aid	Tylenol PM/Tylenol Sleep	
Anti-Nausea/Vertigo Medications			
Chlorpromazine	Meclinzine (Antivert)	Promethazine (Phenergan)	
Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine)	Prochlorperazine (Compazine)		
Allergy Eye Drops: Alcaftadine (Lastacaft)	Azalastina (Ontivor)	Bepotastine (Bepreve)	
	Azelastine (Optivar)		
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Itch Relief Medications: Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)

Others: Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)

Baclofen

Some other medications may also interfere with allergen skin testing **but you should continue** to take them UNLESS the prescribing physician/clinician tells you it is safe to stop them for 5 days prior to your appointment. Your Allergy Partners provider will discuss testing options at your visit if you have not been cleared to stop these medications:

Tricyclic Antidepressants

Amitriptyline Doxepin (Sinequan) Protriptyline

Benzodiazepines

Alprazolam (Xanax) Clorazepate (Tranxene) Flurazepam (Dalmane) Oxazepam (Serax) Quazepam (Doral)

Others: Mirtazapine (Remeron) Amoxapine Imipramine (Tofranil) Trimipramine

Chlordiazepoxide (Librium) Diazepam (Valium) Lorazepam (Ativan) Temazepam (Restoril)

Quetiapine (Seroquel)

Desipramine (Norpramin) Nortriptyline (Pamelor)

Clonazepam (Klonopin) Estazolam (Prosom) Midazolam (Versed) Triazolam (Halcion) Do not use oil, cream or lotion on the back or arms for 24 hours prior to skin testing.

Please continue taking all of the your other medications as prescribed including:

- Antibiotics
- Antidepressants
- Asthma Medications including inhalers, nebulizer solutions, Montelucast (Singulair) and Zafirlucast (Accolate)
- Blood Pressure Medications
- Cholesterol Medications
- Decongestants
- Heart Medications
- Injectable Medications
- Nasal Sprays- Except Astelin/Astepro/Patanase and Dymista
- Steroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, solumedrol
- Thyroid Medications

Do not stop these medications without the approval of your physician.

Please call your local Allergy Partners office with any questions about these lists.

Financial Policy

Patient Full Name:

Date of Birth: / /

Our commitment is to provide the very best medical care to our patients while recognizing the need to limit services to only those that are necessary for each patient. To meet this commitment, we recognize the need for a definite understanding and agreement concerning our patient's healthcare and the financial arrangements for that medical care. Your clear understanding of our financial policies is important to our professional relationship. Please contact our billing office regarding any questions about our fees, financial policies or your insurance coverage and your financial responsibilities

Professional Fees: Our fees for medical services are comparable to other similarly trained physicians in the community and reflect the complexity of your specific needs, the physician time dedicated to your care, the specialized nature of the doctor's education and training and support costs associated with providing and coordinating your care. We will be happy to provide you with detailed fee information at any time.

Patient Payments: Co-pays, deductibles, services not covered by your insurance plan or outstanding balances are due at the time of your appointment. Payments may be made with cash, check or credit card. Returned checks will be subject to the fee allowed by state regulations. We may utilize third parties to collect any unpaid balances. Please let us know if you are having a particular financial problem and we will try our best to work with you on a payment plan. Please feel free to discuss mutually acceptable payment arrangements with our in house Financial Coordinator or our Central Billing Office (800-341-8067).

Insurance Payments: We participate and accept assignment of payment with most major insurance plans in the area. Even though we may submit insurance claims for you, your insurance coverage is a contract between you and your insurer and you are still responsible for payments and services regardless of the amount your insurance pays. If your insurance company requires an authorization or referral, it is the patient's responsibility to obtain this for the initial visit and for continuation of care.

Additional Fees:

Missed Appointments: Please understand that when you reserve an appointment with one of our physicians, we are making a commitment to your medical care and this prevents another patient from receiving care at that time. To assist all of our patients with appropriate access to our physicians we may charge a fee for any office visit appointment cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice. Please note this fee is not covered by your insurance company.

Medical Supplies: Please note that certain medical supplies given to you at your visit require an advanced payment from you at check out. We will submit any charges for medical supplies to your insurance company, and we will reimburse you the payment difference made by your insurance company.

Medical Forms: The completion of disability forms, attending physician statements and other supplemental insurance forms all require physician and staff time to complete. Accordingly, a fee may be charged to complete most of these forms. Non-standard forms may be higher.

Nurse Visit: Please note that if a patient comes in without an appointment to speak to a nurse, depending on the time and complexity of the visit, there may be a charge for the visit.

Print Name: Signature:			Date:	
Relationship to Patient (Please select one): Self	Parent	Legal Guardian		

Please Print & Sign This Form

ALLERGY PARTNERS Leaders in Allergy & Asthma Care

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.

This Notice of Privacy Practices (the "Notice") describes the privacy practices of Allergy Partners of Texas, Inc.

Protected health information (PHI) is information, including demographic data, that that can be used to identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to you, or the past, present or future payment for the provision of your health care.

We understand the importance of privacy and are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your PHI. We make a record of the medical care we provide and may receive such records from others. We use these records to provide or enable other health care providers to provide quality medical care, to obtain payment for services provided to you as allowed by your health plan and to enable us to meet our professional and legal obligations to operate this medical practice properly. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI, to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI, inform you of your rights and the ways we may use PHI and disclose it to others; and to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured PHI. This Notice describes how we may use and disclose your medical information. It also describes your rights and our legal obligations with respect to your medical information. If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact our Department of Compliance & Privacy using the information at the end of this Notice.

A. How We May Use or Disclose Your PHI

We may use or disclose your PHI for the following purposes:

- 1. <u>Treatment</u>. We may use your PHI and share it with other professionals who are treating you. For example, we may share your PHI with other physicians or other health care providers who will provide services that we do not provide. Or we may share PHI with a pharmacist who needs it to dispense a prescription to you, or with a laboratory that performs a test. We may also disclose PHI to members of your family or others who can help you when you are sick.
- 2. <u>Payment</u>. We may use and disclose your PHI to obtain payment for the services we provide. For example, we may give your health plan the information it requires before it will pay us. We may also disclose information to other health care providers to assist them in obtaining payment for services they have provided to you.
- 3. <u>Health Care Operations</u>. We may use and disclose your PHI to operate our medical practice, improve your care, and contact you when necessary. For example, we may use and disclose PHI to review and improve the quality of care we provide, the functioning of our online tools and services, and/or the competence and qualifications of our professional staff. We may also use and disclose PHI as necessary for medical reviews, legal services and audits, including fraud and abuse detection, compliance programs, business planning and management. We may also share your PHI with our "business associates" that perform services for us. We have a written contract with each of these business

associates that contains terms requiring them and their subcontractors to protect the confidentiality and security of your PHI. We may also share your information with other health care providers, health care clearinghouses or health plans that have a relationship with you, when they request this information to help them with certain operational activities permitted under the law.

- 4. <u>Electronic Health Information Exchanges</u>. We participate in Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) in certain states to facilitate the electronic sharing of patient information between and among your healthcare providers. You do not have to participate in a HIE to receive care from us and can opt out, but opting out of an HIE does not stop us from using or sharing your information as otherwise described in this Notice. Visit our website to learn more about the HIEs we participate in and related opt-out/opt-in information. Our ability to use and share your information as described in this Notice is not affected by whether or not you participate in a HIE.
- 5. <u>Notification and Communication with Family</u>. We may disclose your PHI to notify or assist in notifying a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care about your location, your general condition or, unless you had instructed us otherwise, in the event of your death. In the event of a disaster, we may disclose PHI to a relief organization so that they may coordinate these notification efforts. We may also disclose PHI to someone who is involved with your care or helps pay for your care. If you are able and available to agree or object, we will make an effort to give you the opportunity to object prior to making these disclosures, although we may disclose this information in a disaster even over your objection if we believe it is necessary to respond to the emergency circumstances. If you are unable or unavailable to agree or object, our health professionals will use their best judgment in communication with your family and others.
- 6. <u>Marketing</u>. Provided we do not receive any payment for making these communications, we may contact you to give you information about products or services related to your treatment, case management or care coordination, or to direct or recommend other treatments, therapies, health care providers or settings of care that may be of interest to you. We may similarly describe products or services provided by this practice and tell you which health plans this practice participates in. Finally, we may receive compensation which covers our cost of reminding you to take and refill your medication, or otherwise communicate about a drug or biologic that is currently prescribed for you. We will not otherwise use or disclose your PHI for marketing purposes or accept any payment for other marketing communications without your prior written authorization. The authorization will disclose whether we receive any compensation for any marketing activity you authorize, and we will stop any future marketing activity to the extent you revoke that authorization.
- 7. <u>Sale of Health Information</u>. We will not sell your PHI without your prior written authorization. The authorization will disclose that we will receive compensation for your health information if you authorize us to sell it, and we will stop any future sales of your information to the extent that you revoke that authorization.
- 8. <u>Fundraising.</u> We may contact you for fundraising efforts, but you can tell us not to contact you again.
- 9. <u>Required by Law</u>. As required by law, we will use and disclose your PHI, but we will limit our use or disclosure to the relevant requirements of the law. When the law requires us to report abuse, neglect or domestic violence, or respond to judicial or administrative proceedings, or to law enforcement officials, we will further comply with the requirement set forth below concerning those activities.
- 10. <u>Public Health</u>. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your PHI to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, including but not limited to the conduct of public health surveillance such as immunization registries; reporting child,

elder or dependent adult abuse or neglect; reporting domestic violence; reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications; and reporting disease or infection exposure.

- 11. <u>Health Oversight Activities</u>. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your PHI to health oversight agencies during audits, investigations, inspections, licensure and other proceedings, subject to the limitations imposed by law.
- 12. <u>Judicial and Administrative Proceedings</u>. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your Health Information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding to the extent expressly authorized by a court or administrative order. We may also disclose information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process.
- 13. <u>Law Enforcement</u>. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your PHI to a law enforcement official for purposes such as identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, complying with a court order, warrant, grand jury subpoena and other law enforcement purposes.
- 14. <u>Coroners</u>. We may, and are often required by law, to disclose your PHI to coroners or medical examiners in connection with their investigations of deaths.
- 15. <u>Organ or Tissue Donation</u>. We may disclose your PHI to organizations involved in procuring, banking or transplanting organs and tissues.
- 16. <u>Research.</u> We may use and disclose your PHI for research purposes. Your medical record may be reviewed, and data included in a research study in compliance with federal and state laws. Your PHI may be reviewed in preparation for research or to notify you about research studies in which your provider may consider you a candidate or which you may have interest. In some cases, PHI may be used or disclosed for research, and no additional authorization is required from you. In some cases, an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or its designee may determine whether your authorization is necessary for your PHI to be used or disclosed for research purposes. If required, your written authorization will be requested, and you will only become a part of one of these research projects if you agree to do so and sign an authorization.
- 17. <u>Public Safety</u>. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your PHI to appropriate persons in order to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a particular person or the general public.
- 18. <u>Specialized Government Functions</u>. We may disclose your PHI for military or national security purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officers that have you in their lawful custody.
- 19. <u>Workers' Compensation</u>. We may disclose your PHI for Workers' Compensation or other similar programs as authorized or required by law. These programs provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.
- 20. <u>Breach Notification</u>. In the case of a breach of unsecured PHI, we will notify you as required by law. If you have provided us with a current e-mail address, we may use e-mail to communicate information related to the breach. In some circumstances our business associate may provide the notification. We may also provide notification by other methods as appropriate.
- B. Other Uses or Discloses of Your Health Information

Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, this medical practice will, consistent with its legal obligations, not use or disclose your PHI without your written authorization. If you do authorize this medical practice to use or disclose your PHI for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time.

C. Your Health Information Rights

- 1. <u>Right to Request Special Privacy Protections</u>. You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the PHI we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. You also have the right to request a limit on the Health Information we disclose about you to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care, such as a family member or friend. You must make your request in writing and tell us what information you want to limit; whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both; and to whom you want the limits to apply, for example, only to you and your spouse. If you tell us not to disclose information to your health plan concerning health care items or services for which you paid for in full out-of-pocket, we will abide by your request, unless we must disclose the information for treatment or legal reasons. We reserve the right to accept or reject any other request and will notify you of our decision.
- 2. <u>Right to Request Confidential Communications</u>. You have the right to request that you receive your PHI in a specific way or at a specific location. For example, you may ask that we send information to a particular e-mail account or to your work address. We will comply with all reasonable requests submitted in writing which specify how or where you wish to receive these communications.
- 3. <u>Right to Access</u>. You have the right to inspect and receive a copy your PHI, with limited exceptions, for as long as we maintain the PHI. To access your PHI, you must submit a written request detailing what information you want access to, whether you want to inspect it or get a copy of it, and if you want a copy, your preferred form and format. We will provide copies in your requested form and format if it is readily producible, or we will provide you with an alternative format you find acceptable, or if we can't agree and we maintain the record in an electronic format, we will provide in your choice of a readable electronic or hardcopy format. We will also send a copy to any other person you designate in writing. As permitted by law, we will charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of your PHI which covers our costs for labor, supplies, postage, and if requested and agreed to in advance, the cost of preparing an explanation or summary.

We may deny your request without providing you an opportunity for review under limited circumstances. In other circumstances, we may deny your request provided we give you the right to have such denials reviewed.

- 4. <u>Right to Amend or Supplement</u>. You have a right to request that we amend your PHI that you believe is incorrect or incomplete. You must make a request to amend in writing and include the reasons you believe the information is inaccurate or incomplete. We are not required to change your PHI, and if we deny your request, will provide you with information about this medical practice's denial and how you can disagree with the denial.
- 5. <u>Right to an Accounting of Disclosures</u>. You have a right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures of your PHI made by this medical practice.
- 6. <u>Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice</u>. You have a right to a paper copy of this Notice at any time, even if you have previously requested the Notice electronically.

If you would like to have a more detailed explanation of these rights or if you would like to exercise one or more of these rights, contact our Department of Compliance & Privacy using information is at the bottom of this Notice.

D. Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, in our office, and on our web site.

E. Complaints

You can complain If you feel we have violated your rights by contacting our Department of Compliance & Privacy using the information below. You can file a complaint with the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights.

We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

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