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Summary Notice of Privacy Practices

We are required by federal law to provide you with a Notice of Privacy Practices that describes how medical information that we maintain about you may be used or disclosed. The Notice describes how, when and why we use and disclose medical information about you, and provides a description of your rights and our obligations under federal and state laws.

Uses and Disclosures: We are permitted to use and disclose your health information under a variety of circumstances. Sometimes we must obtain your authorization before we use or disclose that information, but in other circumstances we may use your information without your authorization and without informing you of the use or disclosure. Some of the reasons that we may use or disclose your information include:

- To provide information about your health condition to another health care providers who may treat you;
- To provide information about the treatment that we provided in order to obtain payment from your health plan;
- To report a communicable disease, or other legal reporting requirements; or
- To comply with a court order requiring the disclosure of your medical record.

Your Rights: While the records that we maintain about you belong to us, under the federal privacy law you have a variety of rights with respect to the information maintained in those records. For instance, you have the right to access and receive a copy of the medical information we maintain about you and request that we amend any of the information that you believe is incomplete or incorrect. Also, you may request that we provide you with a list of disclosures that we made of your medical information. All of these rights are subject to some exceptions that are described in full in the Notice.

Acknowledgement: You will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of your receipt of this Notice of Privacy Practices. However, your receipt of care and treatment is not conditional upon your signing the acknowledgement form.

Our Obligations: We are required to provide you with our Notice of Privacy Practices and to abide by its terms. We may change the notice from time to time. All amendments apply retroactively. Our full Notice of Privacy Practices is available upon request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.