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HIPAA 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 describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations (TPO) and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. "Protected health information" is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition and related health care services.

1. Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information

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Your protected health information may be used and disclosed by your physician, our office staff and others outside of our office that are involved in your care and treatment for the purpose of providing health care services to you, to pay your health care bills, to support the operation of the physician's practice, and any other use required by law.

Treatment: We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party. For example, we would disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to a home health agency that provides care to you. For example, your protected health information may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician has the necessary information to diagnose or treat you.

Payment: Your protected health information will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your health care services. For example, obtaining approval for a hospital stay may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for the hospital admission.

Healthcare Operations: We may use or disclose, as-needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of your physician's practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities, training of medical students, licensing, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example, we may disclose your protected health information to medical school students that see patients at our office. In addition, we may use a sign-in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name and indicate your physician. We may also call you by name in the waiting room when your physician is ready to see you. We may use or disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment.

We may use or disclose your protected health information in the following situations without your authorization. These situations include: as Required By Law, Public Health issues as required by law, Communicable Diseases: Health Oversight: Abuse or Neglect: Food and Drug Administration requirements: Legal Proceedings: Law Enforcement: Coroners, Funeral Directors, and Organ Donation: Research: Criminal Activity: Military Activity and National Security: Workers' Compensation: Inmates: Required Uses and Disclosures: Under the law, we must make disclosures to you and when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of Section 164.500.

Other Permitted and Required Uses and Disclosures Will Be Made Only With Your Consent, Authorization or Opportunity to Object unless required by law.



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You may revoke this authorization, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your physician or the physician's practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.

Your Rights

Following is a statement of your rights with respect to your protected health information.

You have the right to inspect and copy your protected health information. Under federal law, however, you may not inspect or copy the following records; psychotherapy notes; information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, and protected health information that is subject to law that prohibits access to protected health information.

You have the right to request a restriction of your protected health information. This means you may ask us not to use or disclose any part of your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You may also request that any part of your protected health information not be disclosed to family members or friends who may be involved in your care or for notification purposes as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices. Your request must state the specific restriction requested and to whom you want the restriction to apply. Your physician is not required to agree to a restriction that you may request. If physician believes it is in your best interest to permit use and disclosure of your protected health information, your protected health information will not be restricted. You then have the right to use another Healthcare Professional.

You have the right to request to receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or at an alternative location. You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us, upon request, even if you have agreed to accept this notice alternatively i.e. electronically.

You may have the right to have your physician amend your protected health information. If we deny your request for amendment, you have the right to file a statement of disagreement with us and we may prepare a rebuttal to your statement and will provide you with a copy of any such rebuttal.

You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your protected health information.

We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and will inform you by mail of any changes. You then have the right to object or withdraw as provided in this notice.

Complaints

You may complain to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe we have violated your privacy rights by us. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our privacy contact of your complaint. **We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.** This notice was published and becomes effective on/or before **March 14, 2007**. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of, and provide individuals with, this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer in person or by phone at our Main Phone Number.



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Authorization Form**

We are concerned with protecting your privacy especially in matters that concern your personal health information. In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), we are required to supply you with a copy of our privacy policy and procedures. We encourage you to read this document for it outlines the use and limitations of the disclosure of your health information and your rights as a patient. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use or dissemination of your personal information, we would be happy to address them.

I understand that by signing this form I am consenting to the following:

- A. **Sharing of information for purposes of Treatment:** We will share your information with all members of the treatment team, both within the office and with other providers (personal and institutional) in order to provide me with quality care and the educational/wellness programs specified in my insurance plan.
- B. **Sharing information for the purposes of Payment:** Your insurance is an agreement between you and your insurance company, not between your insurance company and our office. Benefits quoted to us by your insurance company are not a guarantee of payment. It is to be understood and agreed that any services rendered are charged to you directly and you are personally responsible for payment of any non-covered services, deductibles and/or co-pays. We will share all necessary information with your insurer(s), payer(s), governmental entities (such as Medicare, Medicaid, etc.) and their representatives (including, but not limited to benefit determination and utilization review) as well as our representatives involved in the billing process (including, but not limited to) claims representatives, data warehouses and billing companies.
- C. **Sharing of information for the purposes of Operations:** We will share all information necessary for ongoing operation of this office, including (but not limited to) the credentialing processes, peer review, accreditation and compliance with all federal and state laws.

I authorize CVC to contact me in the following manner: (Please initial all that apply)

HOME TELEPHONE () WORK TELEPHONE () CELL TELEPHONE ()

- () You may leave messages on my answering machine or voice mail with detailed message.
- () You may leave messages identifying the practice/physician and leaving a call back number only.
- () You may leave messages with a family member (Please identify by name and relationship).

Relative's Name

Relationship

My consent is freely given. I understand I may revoke this consent at any time if that is in writing. Any disclosures given in reliance prior to this consent will be permissible.

I have received a copy of the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for Cardiovascular Clinic of Texas.

Patient's Name (Please Print) Date ____ / ____ / ____

Patient's Signature (or guardian, if minor) Date ____ / ____ / ____