

# PATIENT REGISTRATION

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT IS:  POLICY HOLDER  RESPONSIBLE PARTY

PREFERRED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Responsible Party** (if someone other than the patient)

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP-CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SOC SEC: \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVERS LIC: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE PARTY IS ALSO POLICY HOLDER FOR PATIENT

PRIMARY INSURANCE POLICY HOLDER

SECONDARY INSURANCE POLICY HOLDER

## **Patient Information**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP-CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX:  M  F      MARITAL STATUS:  SINGLE  MARRIED  SEPARATED  DIVORCED  WIDOWED

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SOC SEC: \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVERS LIC: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCES VIA:  EMAIL  TEXT

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Primary Insurance Information**

NAME OF INSURED: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT:  SELF  SPOUSE  CHILD  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURED SOC SEC: \_\_\_\_\_ INSURED DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER ID: \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ INSURANCE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Secondary Insurance Information**

NAME OF INSURED: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT:  SELF  SPOUSE  CHILD  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURED SOC SEC: \_\_\_\_\_ INSURED DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER ID: \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ INSURANCE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SMILE WORKSHOP:  MAILER  COMMUNITY EVENT  COMPANY EVENT  RADIO/PANDORA  INTERNET SEARCH  INSURANCE  
 NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE  STORE SIGN  DOCTOR  SMILE WORKSHOP EMPLOYEE  FRIEND  OTHER

\_\_\_\_\_  
PATIENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNED

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

PATIENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Although dental personnel primarily treat the area in and around your mouth, your mouth is a part of your entire body. Health problems that you may have, or medication that you may be taking, could have an important interrelationship with the dentistry you will receive. Thank you for answering the following questions.

- Are you under a physician's care now?  Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever been hospitalized or had a major operation?  Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever had a serious head or neck injury?  Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you taking any medications, pills, or drugs?  Yes  No If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you take, or have you taken, Phen-Fen or Redux?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever taken Fosamax, Boniva, Actonel or any other medications containing bisphosphonates?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you on a special diet?  Yes  No
- Do you use tobacco?  Yes  No
- Do you use controlled substances?  Yes  No

Women: Are you \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnant/Trying to get pregnant?  Yes  No      Taking oral contraceptives?  Yes  No      Nursing?  Yes  No

Are you allergic to any of the following?

Aspirin     Penicillin     Codeine     Local Anesthetics     Acrylic     Metal     Latex     Sulfa drugs

Other If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you have, or have you had, any of the following?
- |                           |  |                           |  |                       |  |                            |  |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| AIDS/HIV Positive         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Cortisone Medicine        | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Hemophilia            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Radiation Treatments       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Alzheimer's Disease       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Diabetes                  | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Hepatitis A           | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Recent Weight Loss         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Anaphylaxis               | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Drug Addiction            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Hepatitis B or C      | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Renal Dialysis             | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Anemia                    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Easily Winded             | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Herpes                | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Rheumatic Fever            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Angina                    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Emphysema                 | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | High Blood Pressure   | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Rheumatism                 | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Arthritis/Gout            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Epilepsy or Seizures      | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | High Cholesterol      | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Scarlet Fever              | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Artificial Heart Valve    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Excessive Bleeding        | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Hives or Rash         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Shingles                   | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Artificial Joint          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Excessive Thirst          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Hypoglycemia          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Sickle Cell Disease        | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Asthma                    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Fainting Spells/Dizziness | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Irregular Heartbeat   | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Sinus Trouble              | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Blood Disease             | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Frequent Cough            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Kidney Problems       | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Spina Bifida               | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Blood Transfusion         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Frequent Diarrhea         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Leukemia              | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Stomach/Intestinal Disease | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Breathing Problem         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Frequent Headaches        | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Liver Disease         | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Stroke                     | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Bruise Easily             | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Genital Herpes            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Low Blood Pressure    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Swelling of Limbs          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Cancer                    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Glaucoma                  | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Lung Disease          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Thyroid Disease            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Chemotherapy              | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Hay Fever                 | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Mitral Valve Prolapse | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Tonsillitis                | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Chest Pains               | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Heart Attack/Failure      | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Osteoporosis          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Tuberculosis               | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Cold Sores/Fever Blisters | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Heart Murmur              | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Pain in Jaw Joints    | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Tumors or Growths          | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Congenital Heart Disorder | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Heart Pacemaker           | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Parathyroid Disease   | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Ulcers                     | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| Convulsions               | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Heart Trouble/Disease     | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Psychiatric Care      | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No | Venereal Disease           | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
|                           |  |                           |  |                       |  | Yellow Jaundice            | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |

Have you ever had any serious illness not listed above?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge, the questions on this form have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my (or patient's) health. It is my responsibility to inform the dental office of any changes in medical status.

SIGNATURE OF PATIENT, PARENT, or GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

**Acknowledgement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that I have received and reviewed a copy of Smile Workshop's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices.

I understand that Smile Workshop's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices may change periodically and that I am entitled to receive a copy of Smile Workshop's revised HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.

I understand that, if I have questions about Smile Workshop's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices, I may contact Smile Workshop at 1 (888) TEETH-04

I understand that it is my right to refuse to sign this Acknowledgement should I so choose, and that Smile Workshop will not refuse treatment to me if I refuse to sign this Acknowledgement.

I further understand that I may contact the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should I have concerns regarding Smile Workshop's privacy policies and procedures. For information on how to contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, please ask Smile Workshop noted above, for assistance.

	Patient Signature		Date
	Printed Name		Patient Primary Language Spoken
	Signature of Personal Representative		Print Name of Personal Representative
			Relationship of Personal Representative to Patient

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Smile Workshop made a good-faith effort to obtain Acknowledgement, from the patient noted above, of receipt of its HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices. In spite of these efforts, Smile Workshop was unable to obtain a signed Acknowledgement for the following reason(s):

- Refusal to sign Acknowledgement on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.
- Communications barriers prohibited us from obtaining a signed Acknowledgement.
- An emergency situation prohibited us from obtaining a signed Acknowledgement.
- Other (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received	By	Patient ID



## Appointment Policies

Our goal is to provide quality dental care in timely manner. In order to do so we have had to implement a cancellation and no show policy. The policy enables us to better utilize available appointments for our patients in need of dental care. We thank you in advance for your compliance.

### NO SHOW POLICY

A “no show” is an appointment that was not canceled in advance. No shows inconvenience other patients who need dental care. A no show for a scheduled appointment will result in a fee of \$50 for every half hour scheduled.

### LATE ARRIVALS

In an effort to serve our patients in a timely manner, we ask that you are on time for your scheduled appointment. In the event you are running late, please call the office. If you are more than 15 minutes late to your scheduled appointment, you may be asked to reschedule.

### CANCELLATION OF AN APPOINTMENT

In order to be respectful of other patients’ needs, please be courteous and call our office promptly if you are unable to attend an appointment. This time will be given to someone who is in urgent need of treatment. We ask that you provide a 48-hour notice to avoid a \$50 cancellation fee for every half hour scheduled.

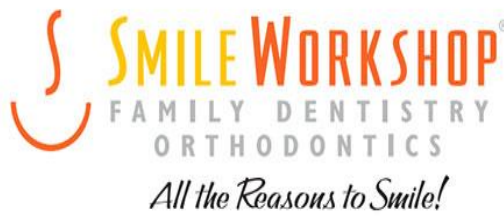
I have read and understand the Appointment Policies

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Patient Signature

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Date Signed



**Authorization – Non-Parent/Guardian to Accompany Patient**

Periodically there may be times when you are unable to bring your child to the office for an appointment and need to rely on a family member or friend. We understand these circumstances; however, we must have a written authorization letter allowing this person to accompany your child (ren). **The person bringing your child must be 18 years of age or older, and will need to present a photo identification at time of service.**

This authorization gives the person permission to bring your child (ren) to their appointment, speak to the doctor, give authorization for treatment, sedation, medication, certain procedures, and make general health decisions.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give the person(s) listed below permission to bring my child to Smile Workshop & Smile Workshop Dental Specialty, and to discuss and share medical information about my child. I further authorize them to see all necessary medical records and make health care decisions of a routine nature as determined at the sole discretion of the provider(s).

I also give them authority to make more serious or urgent health care decisions in the event I cannot be reached or where it is of an urgent nature where there is not sufficient time to seek out my specific consent.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_
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(IF ONLY PARENTS ARE ALLOWED TO BRING CHILD IN, PLEASE INDICATE 'NONE')

Name of Person (allowed to bring child) Relationship
Name of Person (allowed to bring child) Relationship
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Name of Person (allowed to bring child) Relationship

I attest that person(s) allowed to bring child(ren) are over the age of 18.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) Date

# NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

## Smile Workshop Family Dentistry and Orthodontics

Effective Date: 07/22/2014

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW DENTAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

*We understand the importance of privacy and are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your medical/ dental information. We make a record of the dental 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 dental 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 dental practice properly. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information, to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information, and to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured protected health information. This notice describes how we may use and disclose your medical/ dental information. It also describes your rights and our legal obligations with respect to your medical/ dental information. If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact our Privacy Officer listed above.*

### **A. How This Dental Practice May Use or Disclose Your Health Information**

This dental practice collects health information about you and stores it in a chart [and/or on a computer][and in an electronic health record/personal health record]. This is your dental record. The dental record is the property of this dental practice, but the information in the dental record belongs to you. The law permits us to use or disclose your health information for the following purposes:

1. Treatment. We use medical/ dental information about you to provide your dental care. We disclose medical/ dental information to our employees and others who are involved in providing the care you need. For example, we may share your medical/ dental information with other dentists or other health care providers who will provide services that we do not provide. Or we may

share this information with a pharmacist who needs it to dispense a prescription to you, or a laboratory that performs a test. We may also disclose medical/ dental information to members of your family or others who can help you when you are sick or injured, or after you die.

2. Payment. We use and disclose medical/ dental information about you to obtain payment for the services we provide. For example, we 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. Health Care Operations. We may use and disclose medical/ dental information about you to operate this dental practice. For example, we may use and disclose this information to review and improve the quality of care we provide, or the competence and qualifications of our professional staff. Or we may use and disclose this information to get your dental plan to authorize services or referrals. We may also use and disclose this information as necessary for dental reviews, legal services and audits, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs and business planning and management. We may also share your medical/ dental information with our "business associates," such as our billing service, that perform administrative 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 protected health information. We may also share your information with other health care providers, health care clearinghouses or dental plans that have a relationship with you, when they request this information to help them with their quality assessment and improvement activities, their patient-safety activities, their population-based efforts to improve health or reduce health care costs, their protocol development, case management or care-coordination activities, their review of competence, qualifications and performance of health care professionals, their training programs, their accreditation, certification or licensing activities, or their health care fraud and abuse detection and compliance efforts.

4. Appointment Reminders. We may use and disclose medical/ dental information to contact and remind you about appointments. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or in a message left with the person answering the phone.

5. Sign In Sheet. We may use and disclose medical/dental information about you by having you sign in when you arrive at our office. We may also call out your name when we are ready to see you.

6. Notification and Communication With Family. We may disclose your health information 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 information to a relief organization so that they may coordinate these notification efforts. We may also disclose information 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 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.

7. Marketing. 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. We may also encourage you to maintain a healthy lifestyle and get recommended tests, participate in a disease management program, provide you with small gifts, tell you about government sponsored health programs or encourage you to purchase a product or service when we see you, for which we may be paid. 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 medical/dental information 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.

8. Sale of Health Information. We will not sell your health information 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.

9. Required by Law. As required by law, we will use and disclose your health information, 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. Public Health. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; 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. When we report suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or domestic violence, we will inform you or your personal representative promptly unless in our best professional judgment, we believe the notification would place you at risk of serious harm or would require informing a personal representative we believe is responsible for the abuse or harm.

11. Health Oversight Activities. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to health oversight agencies during the course of audits, investigations, inspections, licensure and other proceedings, subject to the limitations imposed by law.

12. Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. 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 if reasonable efforts have been made to notify you of the request and you have not objected, or if your objections have been resolved by a court or administrative order.

13. Law Enforcement. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information 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. Coroners. We may, and are often required by law, to disclose your health information to coroners in connection with their investigations of deaths.

15. Public Safety. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information 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.

16. Specialized Government Functions. We may disclose your health information for military or national security purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officers that have you in their lawful custody.

17. Workers' Compensation. We may disclose your health information as necessary to comply with workers' compensation laws. For example, to the extent your care is covered by workers' compensation, we may be required make periodic reports to your employer about your condition. We are also required by law to report cases of occupational injury or occupational illness to the employer or workers' compensation insurer.

18. Change of Ownership. In the event that this dental practice is sold or merged with another organization, your health information/record will become the property of the new owner, although you will maintain the right to request that copies of your health information be transferred to another dentist or dental group.

19. Breach Notification. In the case of a breach of unsecured protected health information, 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. [Note: Only use e-mail notification if you are certain it will not contain PHI and it will not disclose inappropriate information. For example if your e-mail address is "digestivediseaseassociates.com" an e-mail sent with this address could, if intercepted, identify the patient and their condition.]

## **B. When This Dental Practice May Not Use or Disclose Your Health Information**

Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, this dental practice will, consistent with its legal obligations, not use or disclose health information which identifies you without your written authorization. If you do authorize this dental practice to use or disclose your

health information for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time.

## **C. Your Health Information Rights**

1. Right to Request Special Privacy Protections. You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information by a written request specifying what information you want to limit, and what limitations on our use or disclosure of that information you wish to have imposed. If you tell us not to disclose information to your commercial 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. Right to Request Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that you receive your health information 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. Right to Inspect and Copy. You have the right to inspect and copy your health information, with limited exceptions. To access your medical/ dental information, 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, your choice of a readable electronic or hardcopy format. We will also send a copy to any other person you designate in writing. We will charge a reasonable fee 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 under limited circumstances. If we deny your request to access your child's records or the records of an incapacitated adult you are representing because we believe allowing access would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the patient, you will have a right to appeal our decision.

4. Right to Amend or Supplement. You have a right to request that we amend your health information 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 health information, and will provide you with information about this dental practice's denial and how you can disagree with the denial. We may deny your request if we do not have the information, if we did not create the information (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment), if you would not be permitted to inspect or copy the information at issue, or if the information is accurate and complete as is. If we deny your request, you may submit a written statement of your disagreement with that decision, and we may, in turn, prepare a written rebuttal. All information related to any request to amend will be maintained and disclosed in conjunction with any subsequent disclosure of the disputed information.

5. Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information made by this dental practice, except that this dental practice does not have to account for the disclosures provided to you or pursuant to your written authorization, or as described in paragraphs 1 (treatment), 2 (payment), 3 (health care operations), 6 (notification and communication with family) and 18 (specialized government functions) of Section A of this Notice of Privacy Practices or disclosures for purposes of research or public health which exclude direct patient identifiers, or which are incident to a use or disclosure otherwise permitted or authorized by law, or the disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official to the extent this dental practice has received notice from that agency or official that providing this accounting would be reasonably likely to impede their activities.

6. Right to a Paper or Electronic Copy of this Notice. You have a right to notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information, including a right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices, even if you have previously requested its receipt by e-mail.

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 Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

#### **D. Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices**

We reserve the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future. Until such amendment is made, we are required by law to comply with the terms of this Notice currently in effect. After an amendment is made, the revised Notice of Privacy Protections will apply to all protected health information that we maintain, regardless of when it was created or received. We will keep a copy of the current notice posted in our reception area, and a copy will be available at each appointment. We will also post the current notice on our website.

#### **E. Complaints**

Complaints about this Notice of Privacy Practices or how this dental practice handles your health information should be directed to our Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

If you are not satisfied with the manner in which this office handles a complaint, you may submit a formal complaint to:

#### **Region VI - Dallas (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)**

Jorge Lozano, Regional Manager  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
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