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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

**PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.
THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.**

OUR LEGAL DUTY

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to give you this Notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect April 14, 2003 and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and make the new Notice available upon request.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice.

USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION

We use and disclose health information about you for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. For example:

Treatment: We may use or disclose your health information to a physician or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you.

Payment: We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide to you.

Healthcare Operations: We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

Your Authorization: In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described in this Notice.

To Your Family and Friends: We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. We may disclose your health information to a family member, friend or other person to the extent necessary to help with your healthcare or with payment for your healthcare, but only if you agree that we may do so.

Persons Involved In Care: We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, of your location, your general condition, or death. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses or disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare. We will also use our professional judgment and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays, or other similar forms of health information.

Marketing Health-Related Services: We will not use your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization.

Required by Law: We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law.

Abuse or Neglect: We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.

National Security: We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody of protected health information of inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

Appointment Reminders: We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards, or letters).

PATIENT RIGHTS

Access: You have the right to look at or get copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practicably do so. (You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your health information. You may obtain a form to request access by using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You may also request access by sending us a letter to the address at the end of this Notice. If you prefer, we will prepare a summary or an explanation of your health information.)

Disclosure Accounting: You have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our business associates disclosed your health information for purposes, other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations and certain other activities, for the last 6 years, but not before April 14, 2003. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

Restriction: You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in an emergency).

Alternative Communication: You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. **{You must make your request in writing.}** Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location you request.

Amendment: You have the right to request that we amend your health information. (Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended.) We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

Electronic Notice: If you receive this Notice on our Web site or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are entitled to receive this Notice in written form.

QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us.

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You also may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support your right to the privacy of your health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Contact Officer: Georgann DeVecchio

Telephone: 574-267-3040

Fax: 574-268-2530

Address: 1010 South Union St., Warsaw, IN 46580

Consent For Treatment

1. I hereby authorize doctor or designate staff to take x-rays, study models, photographs and other diagnostic aids deemed appropriate by doctor to make a thorough diagnosis of (name of patient) _____'s dental needs.
2. Upon such diagnosis, I authorize doctor to perform all recommended treatment mutually agreed upon by me and to employ such assistance as required to provide proper care.
3. I agree to the use of anesthetics, sedatives and other medication as necessary. I fully understand that using anesthetic agents embodies certain risks. I understand that I can ask for a complete recital of any possible complications.
4. I give consent to the doctor's or designated staff's use and disclosure of any oral, written or electronic health records that are individually identifiable as mine for the purpose of carrying out my treatment, payment and health care operations. I understand that only the minimum amount of information necessary to provide quality care will be used or disclosed and that a notice fully outlining the protection of my personal health information is available.
5. I agree to be responsible for payment of the services rendered on my behalf or my dependents. I understand that payment is due at the time of service unless other arrangements have been made. In the event payments are not received by agreed upon dates, I understand that a 1-1/2% late charge (18% APR) may be added to my account. If required, I also understand a check of my credit history may be made.

Patient's
Signature _____ Date _____ Witness _____

Patient / Responsible Party's Signature _____

Relationship to Patient _____

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

****You May Refuse to Sign This Acknowledgement****

I, _____, have received a copy of this office's Notice of Privacy Practices.

{Please Print Name}

{Signature}

{Date}

For Office Use Only

We attempted to obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of our Notice of Privacy Practices, but acknowledgement could not be obtained because:

- Individual refused to sign
- Communications barriers prohibited obtaining the acknowledgement
- An emergency situation prevented us from obtaining acknowledgement
- Other (Please Specify)

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR SUBMISSION
OF CLAIMS AND ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS**

I authorize the health care provider named above to submit claims for payment for services to the health care service plans or insurance companies named below, on my behalf and in my name, and assign to such provider the group insurance benefits otherwise payable to me, but not to exceed the provider's actual charges for the covered services. I understand that I am financially responsible for any charges not covered by the group insurance benefits.

Insurance Company: _____

Name of Patient _____

Signature of patient or parent if minor

Date

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE
OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

I authorize the physician, dentist or other health care provider named above to release to hospital or health care service plans, insurance companies, self-insurers, or their representatives, any and all information and records (including x-rays) about my medical history, or about services rendered or treatment given to me, that is needed to review, investigate or evaluate any claim for benefits.

If my coverage is under a group master agreement held by my employer, an association, trust fund, union or similar entity, this authorization also permits disclosure to them for purposes of utilization review or financial audit.

This authorization shall remain effect for up to five years from this Date.

I know that I have the right to receive a copy of this authorization if requested.

Name of Patient _____

Signature of patient or parent if minor

Date

PATIENT REGISTRATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

DATE				1
LAST NAME		FIRST	M.I.	
PREFERS TO BE CALLED BY				
ADDRESS				
CITY		STATE	ZIP	
HOME PHONE NO.		FAX		
CELL		EMAIL		
BIRTHDATE	AGE	MALE	FEMALE	
MARRIED	SINGLE	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	
SOCIAL SECURITY NO.				
DATE				
LAST NAME		FIRST	M.I.	
ADDRESS				
CITY		STATE	ZIP	
HOME PHONE NO.		FAX		
CELL		EMAIL		
BIRTHDATE	AGE	MALE	FEMALE	
SCHOOL		GRADE		
SOCIAL SECURITY NO.				

IF THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR YOU START HERE

IF THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR YOUR CHILD START HERE

IF YOUR CHILD'S LAST NAME AND/OR ADDRESS ARE NOT THE SAME AS YOURS, FILL IN THE TOP BOX ALSO

DENTAL INSURANCE		2
PRIMARY CARRIER		
INSURANCE COMPANY		
GROUP NO.		
EMPLOYER NAME		
INSURED'S NAME		
DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT	
INSURED'S I.D. NO.		
INSURED'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		
SECONDARY CARRIER		
INSURANCE COMPANY		
GROUP NO.		
EMPLOYER NAME		
INSURED'S NAME		
DATE OF BIRTH	RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT	
INSURED'S I.D. NO.		
INSURED'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		

ACCOUNT INFORMATION		4
PERSON FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNT		
NAME		
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE NO.		
YOU		
NAME		
OCCUPATION		
EMPLOYER'S NAME		
ADDRESS	CITY	
PHONE NO.	FAX NO.	
YOUR SPOUSE		
NAME		
OCCUPATION		
EMPLOYER'S NAME		
ADDRESS	CITY	
PHONE NO.	FAX NO.	

GETTING TO KNOW YOU		3
IS ANOTHER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR RELATIVE A PATIENT AT OUR OFFICE?		
NAME:	RELATIONSHIP:	
YOU WERE REFERRED TO US BY		
YOUR FORMER ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PERSON TO CONTACT FOR EMERGENCY		
PHONE NUMBER		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
CLOSEST RELATIVE NOT LIVING WITH YOU		
PHONE NUMBER		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP