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This office is required, by law, to maintain the privacy and security of your Protected Health Information. We must provide you with written notice concerning your rights to your health information, and the potential circumstances under which, by law, or as dictated by our office policy, we are permitted to use and disclose information about you to a third party without your authorization. Below is a brief summary of these circumstances. If you would like a more detailed explanation, one will be provided to you. Please review carefully, sign receipt of acknowledgement, and return to our front desk staff. **Keep this page for your records.**

YOUR RIGHTS:

1. To inspect or obtain a copy of your records within 15 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for a copy. X-rays are original records, and you are therefore not entitled to them. If you would like us to outsource them to have copies made, we will be happy to accommodate you. However, you will be responsible for this cost.
2. To ask for amendments to your health information you think is incomplete or incorrect. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.
3. To request confidential communications (contact you in a specific way or send mail to a different address).
4. To request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures, and with whom we release information to, although we are not required to comply. If we do agree, the restriction is in place until receiving written notice of your intent to remove the restriction.
5. To receive an accounting of disclosures (those with whom we've shared your information).
6. To receive a paper copy of the extended detail Notice of Privacy Practices.
7. To choose someone to act for you. If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
8. To file a complaint if you feel your rights are violated

USES AND DISCLOSURES:

1. Treatment purposes - use your health information and share it with other health care providers who are treating you.
2. Run our organization - use and share your health information to run our practice, improve your care, and contact you when necessary.
3. Bill for your services - use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities.
4. Inadvertent disclosures – an open treating area means open discussion. If you need to speak privately with the doctor, please let our staff know so we can place you in a private room.
5. Help with public health and safety issues - in order to prevent or lessen a serious or eminent threat to the health or safety of a person or general public.
6. For health research purposes.
7. Comply with the law - share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.
8. Work with a medical examiner or funeral director - share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director in the event of a patient's death.
9. For workers' compensation claims, law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official, and other government requests – including health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law, special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services.
10. Respond to lawsuits and legal actions - share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.
11. Emergency – in the event of a medical emergency we may notify a family member.
12. Phone calls and/or emails – we may call your home and leave messages regarding appointment reminders or apprise you of changes in practice hours or upcoming events.
13. Change of ownership - in the event this practice is sold your health information will become the property of the new owner. You maintain the right to request copies of your health information be transferred to another provider.

COMPLAINT:

If you wish to make a complaint about how we handle your health information, please contact our privacy official using the information noted above. If you are still not satisfied with the manner in which this office handles your complaint, you can submit a formal complaint to:

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20201
877-696-6775
www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/

NOTICE REGARDING YOUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY continued …

Please complete the following where indicated and return to our front desk staff.

Patient initials: **_____ - retaining *page 1 of 2***

I hereby acknowledge I have read and received a copy of Blumsack Family Chiropractic's Privacy Practices Notice.

I understand my rights as well as the practice's duty to protect my health information, and have conveyed my understanding of these rights and duties to the doctor. I further understand that this office reserves the right to amend this "Notice of Privacy Practices" at any time in the future and will make the new provisions effective for all information that it maintains past and present.

I am aware the practice will not use or share my information other than as described here unless I have provided written authorization stating otherwise. I understand I may change my mind at any time by providing written notification to the practice.

I am aware an extended detail version of this "Notice" is available to me upon request.

At this time, I do not have any questions regarding my rights or any of the information I have received.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Telephone: _____

If not signed by the patient, please indicate relationship:

_____ Parent or guardian of minor patient

_____ Guardian or conservator of an incompetent patient

_____ Beneficiary or personal representative of deceased patient

Name of Patient: _____

For Office Use Only

Signed form received by: _____

Reason acknowledgment not obtained: _____

Efforts to obtain: _____

PATIENT'S NAME: _____ HR#: _____ DATE: _____