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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the designated privacy officer of our office at

*541-772-8846
3546 Lone Pine, Rd.
Medford, OR 97504*

We take our responsibility to safeguard your protected health information very seriously. We value your trust as an important part of our ability to provide you with the best possible medical care. We are dedicated to defending your right to a confidential relationship with your physician.

This notice is intended to inform you of how we protect, use and disclose your information, as well as to explain your right to control these disclosures.

Your Health Information

We may use and disclose health information about you without your permission for the following purposes:

1. We may disclose your information for **treatment purposes and to coordinate your medical care.**
2. We may disclose your information **to ensure that you receive insurance benefits.**
3. We may disclose your information internally **to enhance the operation of our practice.** This includes our commitment to reviewing the quality of care we provide.
4. We may disclose your information **to comply with a limited number of legal requirements**, as outlined in this notice.

Additional information regarding each of these disclosures is provided in this notice. In any case, we will only disclose the minimum amount of information necessary for the purpose it was requested.

Effective Date: March 23, 2013

Our Duties

We are required by law to keep your information private. We must also provide you with this Notice and abide by its terms. We may need to revise our privacy practices from time to time. We expressly reserve the right to change the terms of our Notice of Privacy Practices and to make the new terms effective for all information covered by our Notice. If such changes occur, we will let you know about the new terms by providing a copy of the changes.

Your Privacy Rights

Please note that you are entitled to very specific rights regarding the use and disclosure of your information. We have listed your rights below:

Right to Inspect and Copy

You have the right to inspect and copy your health information, such as medical and billing records, that we use to make decisions about your care. You must submit a written request to our designated contact in order to inspect and/or copy your information. If you request a copy of your information, we may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other associated supplies. You may also choose to receive a copy of your health information in electronic form.

We may deny your request to inspect and/or copy information in certain limited circumstances. If you are denied access to your health information, you can ask that the denial be reviewed. If the law requires such a review, we will select a licensed health care professional to review your request and our denial. The person conducting the review will not be the person who denied your request and we will comply with the outcome of the review.

Right to Amend

If you believe our records contain errors, you may make a written request that they be amended. We reserve the right to review your request and can decline to amend the record. We are required to place a copy of your proposed amendment in the record, even when we do not agree to amend the record itself.

We may deny your request for an amendment if we did not create the information, unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment.

Right to Request Restrictions

You have the right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your information. We are not required to agree to your request. If we do agree, we will comply to the best of our ability unless the information is needed to provide you with emergency treatment. To request restrictions, you may complete and submit the **Request for Restriction on Use/Disclosure of Medical Information** to our designated Privacy Officer/Contact. If your restriction invalidates your insurance coverage, we may require you to execute a waiver of insurance benefits and a payment agreement.

Right to Request Confidential Communications

You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail. To request confidential communications, you may complete and submit the form **Request for Restriction on Use/Disclosure of Medical Information** to our designated Privacy Officer/Contact. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will accommodate all reasonable requests. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.

Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice

You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to receive it electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy. To obtain such a copy, contact our designated Privacy Officer/Contact.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures

You have the right to request an “accounting of disclosures.” This is a list of the disclosures we made of medical information about you for purposes other than treatment, payment and health care operations.

To obtain this list, you must submit your request in writing to our designated Privacy Officer/Contact. It must state a time period, which may not be longer than six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2003. Your request should indicate in what format you want the list (for example, on paper or electronically).

The first list you request within a 12-month period will be free. For additional lists, we may charge you for the costs of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

Complaints and Investigations

We have developed procedures for investigating any complaints or concerns you may have regarding our use and disclosure of your information or any other complaint you may have regarding our services. The law allows you to contact the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services with complaints about our use and disclosure of information.

You may also contact our on-site Privacy Officer/Contact, who is dedicated to investigating complaints regarding the use and disclosure of information in our care. We will not, and legally cannot, retaliate against you for any complaint.

Types of Use and Disclosure of Your Protected Health Information

We may disclose your information for the following purposes without your consent:

For Treatment Purposes

We may disclose information needed for the provision, coordination or management of health care and related services, including the coordination between our office and a third party, such as a consultation between medical providers or a referral from our office to another provider. Personnel in our office may share