

# 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.

## A. USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION FOR TREATMENT, PAYMENT AND HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS.

1. **For Treatment.** We may use your health information to provide you with medical services. We may disclose your health information to staff physicians, nurses, emergency department staff, and other personnel involved in your health care. Treatment includes (a) activities performed by nurses, office staff, hospital staff, technicians and other types of health care professionals providing care to you or coordinating or managing your care with third parties, (b) consultations with and between emergency personnel and other health care providers.
2. **For Payment.** We may use and disclose your health information so that we may bill and collect payment from you, an insurance company, or someone else for health care services you receive.
3. **For Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose your health information in order to run the necessary administrative, educational, quality assurance and business functions at MCFD1. For example, we may use your health information to evaluate the performance of our staff in caring for you. We may also use health information about patients to help us decide what additional services we should offer, how we can improve efficiency, or whether certain treatments are effective. Or we may give health information to doctors, nurses, technicians, or health profession students for review, analysis and other teaching and learning purposes.

## B. USES AND DISCLOSURES YOU CAN LIMIT

1. **Family and Friends.** Unless you notify us that you object, we may provide your health information to individuals, such as family and friends, who are involved in your care or who help pay for your care. We may do this if you tell us we can do so, or if you know we are sharing your health information with these people and you don't stop us from doing so. There may also be circumstances when we can assume, based on our professional judgment, that you would not object. For example, we may assume you agree to our disclosure of your information to your spouse if your spouse is transported with you to an emergency care facility.

## C. OTHER PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH CARE INFORMATION.

We may use or disclose your health information without your permission in the following circumstances, subject to all applicable legal requirements and limitations:

1. **Required By Law:** As required by federal, state, or local law.
2. **Public Health Risks:** For public health reasons in order to prevent or control disease, injury or disability; or to report births, deaths, suspected abuse or neglect, non-accidental physical injuries, reactions to medications or problems with products.
3. **Health Oversight Activities:** To a health oversight agency for audits, investigations, inspections, licensing purposes, or as necessary for certain government agencies to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.
4. **Lawsuits and Disputes; Law Enforcement:** In response to a subpoena or a court or administrative order, if you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, or in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process, if asked to do so by law enforcement.
5. **Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors:** To a coroner or medical examiner, (as necessary, for example, to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death) or to a funeral director, as necessary to allow him/her to carry out his/her activities.
6. **Organ and Tissue Donation:** To organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye or tissue transplantation, or to an organ donation bank, as necessary to facilitate a donation and transplantation.
7. **Serious Threat to Health or Safety; Disaster Relief:** To appropriate individual(s)/organization(s) when necessary (i) to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or that of the public or another person, or (ii) to notify your family members or persons responsible for you in a disaster relief effort.
8. **Military and Veterans:** As required by military command or other government authority for information about a member of the domestic or foreign armed forces.
9. **National Security; Intelligence Activities; Protective Service:** To federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities authorized by law, including activities related to the protection of the President, other authorized persons or foreign heads of state, or related to the conduct of special investigations.
10. **Workers' Compensation:** To your employer via a workers' compensation or similar work-related injury program.
11. **Inmates:** To a correctional institution (if you are an inmate) or a law enforcement official (if you are in that person's custody) as necessary (a) for the institution to provide you with health care; (b) to protect your or others' health and safety; or (c) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.

## D. YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION.

1. **Right to Inspect and Copy.** With some exceptions, you have the right to inspect and get a copy of your health information that may be used to make decisions about your care. We may deny your request to inspect and/or copy in certain limited circumstances, and if we do this, you may ask that the denial be reviewed.
2. **Right to Amend.** You have the right to amend your health information. We will require that you provide a reason for the request, and we may deny your request for an amendment if the request is not properly submitted, or if it asks us to amend information that (a) we did not create, (unless the source of the information is no longer available to make the amendment); (b) is not part of the health information that we keep; (c) is of a type that you would not be permitted to inspect and copy; or (d) is already accurate and complete.
3. **Right to an Accounting of Disclosures.** You have the right to request an accounting of disclosures. This is a list of certain disclosures we made of your health information. The list does not include all disclosures. For example it does not include disclosures to you, disclosures for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes described above, or disclosures made with your Authorization as described above.
4. **Right to Request Restrictions.** You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the health information we use or disclose about you (a) for treatment, payment, or health care operations, or (b) to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for it, such as a family member or friend.
5. **Right to Request Confidential Communications.** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about health matters in a certain way or at a certain place. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail.