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GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

Date: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Who may we thank for referring you to our office? (Yellow Pages, Advertising, Word of Mouth, Referral, Other?) _____

REASON FOR VISIT (MAJOR COMPLAINT) _____

When did your symptoms start? _____

Any position or activity that worsens your symptoms? (if yes, which ones)

List all medications you are currently taking, including over-the-counter:

List all natural supplements you are taking:

Any known drug, food, or other allergies/sensativities? _____

Any diagnosed conditions (currently or in the past)? (including diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, etc.) _____

List any history of hospitalizations or surgeries? _____

Any family history of health conditions (parents, children, grandparents)? _____

Section 6

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| 165. 0 1 | Experience pain relief with aspirin (0=no, 1=yes) | 169. 0 1 2 3 | Headaches when out in the hot sun |
| 166. 0 1 2 3 | Crave fatty or greasy foods | 170. 0 1 2 3 | Sunburn easily or suffer sun poisoning |
| 167. 0 1 2 3 | Low- or reduced-fat diet (0=never, 1=years ago, 2=within past year, 3=currently) | 171. 0 1 2 3 | Muscles easily fatigued |
| 168. 0 1 2 3 | Tension headaches at base of skull | 172. 0 1 2 3 | Dry flaky skin or dandruff |

Section 7

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| 173. 0 1 2 3 | Awaken a few hours after falling asleep, hard to get back to sleep | 180. 0 1 2 3 | Headache if meals are skipped or delayed |
| 174. 0 1 2 3 | Crave sweets | 181. 0 1 2 3 | Irritable before meals |
| 175. 0 1 2 3 | Binge or uncontrolled eating | 182. 0 1 2 3 | Shaky if meals delayed |
| 176. 0 1 2 3 | Excessive appetite | 183. 0 1 2 3 | Family members with diabetes (0=none, 1=1 or 2, 2=3 or 4, 3=more than 4) |
| 177. 0 1 2 3 | Crave coffee or sugar in the afternoon | 184. 0 1 2 3 | Frequent thirst |
| 178. 0 1 2 3 | Sleepy in afternoon | 185. 0 1 2 3 | Frequent urination |
| 179. 0 1 2 3 | Fatigue that is relieved by eating | | |

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| 186. 0 1 2 3 | Muscles become easily fatigued | 200. 0 1 2 3 | Can hear heart beat on pillow at night |
| 187. 0 1 2 3 | Feel exhausted or sore after moderate exercise | 201. 0 1 2 3 | Whole body or limb jerk as falling asleep |
| 188. 0 1 2 3 | Vulnerable to insect bites | 202. 0 1 2 3 | Night sweats |
| 189. 0 1 2 3 | Loss of muscle tone, heaviness in arms/legs | 203. 0 1 2 3 | Restless leg syndrome |
| 190. 0 1 2 3 | Enlarged heart or congestive heart failure | 204. 0 1 2 3 | Cracks at corner of mouth (Cheilosis) |
| 191. 0 1 2 3 | Pulse below 65 per minute (0=no, 1=yes) | 205. 0 1 2 3 | Fragile skin, easily chaffed, as in shaving |
| 192. 0 1 2 3 | ringing in the ears (Tinnitus) | 206. 0 1 2 3 | Polyps or warts |
| 193. 0 1 2 3 | Numbness, tingling or itching in hands and feet | 207. 0 1 2 3 | MSG sensitivity |
| 194. 0 1 2 3 | Depressed | 208. 0 1 2 3 | Wake up without remembering dreams |
| 195. 0 1 2 3 | Fear of impending doom | 209. 0 1 2 3 | Small bumps on back of arms |
| 196. 0 1 2 3 | Worrier, apprehensive, anxious | 210. 0 1 2 3 | Strong light at night irritates eyes |
| 197. 0 1 2 3 | Nervous or agitated | 211. 0 1 2 3 | Nose bleeds and/or tend to bruise easily |
| 198. 0 1 2 3 | Feelings of insecurity | 212. 0 1 2 3 | Bleeding gums especially when brushing teeth |
| 199. 0 1 2 3 | Heart races | | |

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| 213. 0 1 2 3 | Tend to be a "night person" | 226. 0 1 2 3 | Arthritic tendencies |
| 214. 0 1 2 3 | Difficulty falling asleep | 227. 0 1 2 3 | Crave salty foods |
| 215. 0 1 2 3 | Slow starter in the morning | 228. 0 1 2 3 | Salt foods before tasting |
| 216. 0 1 2 3 | Tend to be keyed up, trouble calming down | 229. 0 1 2 3 | Perspire easily |
| 217. 0 1 2 3 | Blood pressure above 120/80 | 230. 0 1 2 3 | Chronic fatigue, or get drowsy often |
| 218. 0 1 2 3 | Headache after exercising | 231. 0 1 2 3 | Afternoon yawning |
| 219. 0 1 2 3 | Feeling wired or jittery after drinking coffee | 232. 0 1 2 3 | Afternoon headache |
| 220. 0 1 2 3 | Clench or grind teeth | 233. 0 1 2 3 | Asthma, wheezing or difficulty breathing |
| 221. 0 1 2 3 | Calm on the outside, troubled on the inside | 234. 0 1 2 3 | Pain on the medial or inner side of the knee |
| 222. 0 1 2 3 | Chronic low back pain, worse with fatigue | 235. 0 1 2 3 | Tendency to sprain ankles or "shin splints" |
| 223. 0 1 2 3 | Become dizzy when standing up suddenly | 236. 0 1 2 3 | Tendency to need sunglasses |
| 224. 0 1 2 3 | Difficulty maintaining manipulative correction | 237. 0 1 2 3 | Allergies and/or hives |
| 225. 0 1 2 3 | Pain after manipulative correction | 238. 0 1 2 3 | Weakness, dizziness |

Section 10

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| 239. 0 1 | Height over 6' 6" (0=no, 1=yes) | 245. 0 1 | Height under 4' 10" (0=no, 1=yes) |
| 240. 0 1 | Early sexual development (before age 10) (0=no, 1=yes) | 246. 0 1 2 3 | Decreased libido |
| 241. 0 1 2 3 | Increased libido | 247. 0 1 2 3 | Excessive thirst |
| 242. 0 1 2 3 | Splitting type headache | 248. 0 1 2 3 | Weight gain around hips or waist |
| 243. 0 1 2 3 | Memory failing | 249. 0 1 2 3 | Menstrual disorders |
| 244. 0 1 | Tolerate sugar, feel fine when eating sugar (0=no, 1=yes) | 250. 0 1 | Delayed sexual development (after age 13) (0=no, 1=yes) |
| | | 251. 0 1 2 3 | Tendency to ulcers or colitis |

KEY: 0=No, symptom does not occur	2=Moderate symptom, occurs occasionally (weekly)
1=Yes, minor or mild symptom, rarely occurs (monthly)	3=Severe symptom, occurs frequently (daily)

Section 11

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- 252. 0 1 2 3 Sensitive/allergic to iodine
- 253. 0 1 2 3 Difficulty gaining weight, even with large appetite
- 254. 0 1 2 3 Nervous, emotional, can't work under pressure
- 255. 0 1 2 3 Inward trembling
- 256. 0 1 2 3 Flush easily
- 257. 0 1 2 3 Fast pulse at rest
- 258. 0 1 2 3 Intolerance to high temperatures
- 259. 0 1 2 3 Difficulty losing weight
- 260. 0 1 2 3 Mentally sluggish, reduced initiative
- 261. 0 1 2 3 Easily fatigued, sleepy during the day
- 262. 0 1 2 3 Sensitive to cold, poor circulation (cold hands and feet)
- 263. 0 1 2 3 Constipation, chronic
- 264. 0 1 2 3 Excessive hair loss and/or coarse hair
- 265. 0 1 2 3 Morning headaches, wear off during the day
- 266. 0 1 2 3 Loss of lateral 1/3 of eyebrow
- 267. 0 1 2 3 Seasonal sadness

Section 12 – Men Only

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- 268. 0 1 2 3 Prostate problems
- 269. 0 1 2 3 Difficulty with urination, dribbling
- 270. 0 1 2 3 Difficult to start and stop urine stream
- 271. 0 1 2 3 Pain or burning with urination
- 272. 0 1 2 3 Waking to urinate at night
- 273. 0 1 2 3 Interruption of stream during urination
- 274. 0 1 2 3 Pain on inside of legs or heels
- 275. 0 1 2 3 Feeling of incomplete bowel evacuation
- 276. 0 1 2 3 Decreased sexual function

Section 13 – Women Only

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- 277. 0 1 2 3 Depression during periods
- 278. 0 1 2 3 Mood swings associated with periods (PMS)
- 279. 0 1 2 3 Crave chocolate around periods
- 280. 0 1 2 3 Breast tenderness associated with cycle
- 281. 0 1 2 3 Excessive menstrual flow
- 282. 0 1 2 3 Scanty blood flow during periods
- 283. 0 1 2 3 Occasional skipped periods
- 284. 0 1 2 3 Variations in menstrual cycles
- 285. 0 1 2 3 Endometriosis
- 286. 0 1 2 3 Uterine fibroids
- 287. 0 1 2 3 Breast fibroids, benign masses
- 288. 0 1 2 3 Painful intercourse (dysparenia)
- 289. 0 1 2 3 Vaginal discharge
- 290. 0 1 2 3 Vaginal dryness
- 291. 0 1 2 3 Vaginal itchiness
- 292. 0 1 2 3 Gain weight around hips, thighs and buttocks
- 293. 0 1 2 3 Excess facial or body hair
- 294. 0 1 2 3 Hot flashes
- 295. 0 1 2 3 Night sweats (in menopausal females)
- 296. 0 1 2 3 Thinning skin

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- 297. 0 1 2 3 Aware of heavy and/or irregular breathing
- 298. 0 1 2 3 Discomfort at high altitudes
- 299. 0 1 2 3 "Air hunger" or sigh frequently
- 300. 0 1 2 3 Compelled to open windows in a closed room
- 301. 0 1 2 3 Shortness of breath with moderate exertion
- 302. 0 1 2 3 Ankles swell, especially at end of day
- 303. 0 1 2 3 Cough at night
- 304. 0 1 2 3 Blush or face turns red for no reason
- 305. 0 1 2 3 Dull pain or tightness in chest and/or radiate into right arm, worse with exertion
- 306. 0 1 2 3 Muscle cramps with exertion

Section 15

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- 307. 0 1 2 3 Pain in mid-back region
- 308. 0 1 2 3 Puffy around the eyes, dark circles under eyes
- 309. 0 1 History of kidney stones (0=no, 1=yes)
- 310. 0 1 2 3 Cloudy, bloody or darkened urine
- 311. 0 1 2 3 Urine has a strong odor

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- 312. 0 1 2 3 Runny or drippy nose
- 313. 0 1 2 3 Catch colds at the beginning of winter
- 314. 0 1 2 3 Mucus producing cough
- 315. 0 1 2 3 Frequent colds or flu (0=1 or less per year, 1=2 to 3 times per year, 2=4 to 5 times per year, 3=6 or more times per year)
- 316. 0 1 2 3 Other infections (sinus, ear, lung, skin, bladder, kidney, etc.) (0=1 or less per year, 1=2 to 3 times per year, 2=4 to 5 times per year, 3=6 or more times per year)
- 317. 0 1 2 3 Never get sick (0 = sick only 1 or 2 times in last 2 years, 1 = not sick in last 2 years, 2 = not sick in last 4 years, 3 = not sick in last 7 years)
- 318. 0 1 2 3 Acne (adult)
- 319. 0 1 2 3 Itchy skin (Dermatitis)
- 320. 0 1 2 3 Cysts, boils, rashes
- 321. 0 1 2 3 History of Epstein Bar, Mono, Herpes, Shingles, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Hepatitis or other chronic viral condition (0 = no, 1 = yes in the past, 2 = currently mild condition, 3 = severe)

KEY: 0=No, symptom does not occur	2=Moderate symptom, occurs occasionally (weekly)
1=Yes, minor or mild symptom, rarely occurs (monthly)	3=Severe symptom, occurs frequently (daily)

NUTRITION CONSULTING INFORMED CONSENT

I hereby request and consent to nutritional care/consulting on me (or on the client named below, for whom I am legally responsible) provided by the health practitioner and/or his/her staff.

I understand and am informed that the nutrition consultations may not be made by medical physicians and do not dispense medical advice, diagnose illness or disease, offer prescription drugs, surgery, or other conventional treatments.

I understand and am informed that the nutrition consultations offer nutritional evaluations, nutritional supplementation, and lifestyle consultation along with various methods of testing. I further understand and am informed that the recommendations, discussion, sale of food, nutrition, nutritional supplements, vitamins or minerals, food grade herbs, or other nutrients as foods for special dietary use only provided by the health practitioner and/or his/her staff pertain to the whole body concept of nutrition, and does not relate in the context of any specific ailment or condition.

I understand and am informed that methods of nutritional evaluation or testing made available to me are not intended to diagnose disease. Rather, these assessment tests are intended as a guide to developing an appropriate overall health-supportive program for me, and to monitor my progress in achieving my goals. I further understand that any nutritional recommendations are supportive in nature allowing the body to return to improved health. However, like all other health modalities, results are not guaranteed and there is no promise to cure. Accordingly, I understand that all payment(s) for treatment(s) are final and no refunds will be issued. However, Products are refundable within 30 days of purchase if they are unopened and in original condition, including not past their expiration date.

I understand and am informed that the nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, food grade herbs, and other nutrients that have been recommended are traditionally considered safe in the practice of nutrition, however, some nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, food grade herbs, and other nutrients may be toxic in large doses. I understand that some nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, food grade herbs, and other nutrients may be inappropriate during pregnancy, and I will notify the health practitioner and/or his/her staff if I am or become pregnant.

I will also inform the health practitioner and/or his/her staff if I experience any gastrointestinal upset (including but not limited to nausea, gas, stomachache, vomiting), allergic reactions (including but not limited to hives, rashes, tingling of the tongue, headache), or any unanticipated or unpleasant effects associated with the nutritional supplements, vitamins, minerals, food grade herbs, and other nutrients recommended by the health practitioner and/or his/her staff.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below I agree to the above-named services. I intend this consent to cover the entire course of nutritional care/consulting.

I, _____ have read, or have had read to me, the above consent.
(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

Consent to evaluate and treat a minor child:

I, _____ being the parent or legal guardian of _____ have read and fully understand the above consent and hereby grant permission for my child to receive care.

(Signature)

(Date)

CHIROPRACTIC INFORMED CONSENT

I hereby request and consent to the performance of chiropractic procedures, including various modes of physiotherapy, diagnostic x-rays, and any supportive therapies on me (or on the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the doctor of chiropractic indicated below and/or other licensed doctors of chiropractic and support staff who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with or serving as back-up for the doctor of chiropractic named below, including those working at the clinic or office listed below or any other office or clinic, whether signatories to this form or not.

I have had an opportunity to discuss with the doctor of chiropractic named below and/or with other office or clinic personnel the nature and purpose of chiropractic adjustments and procedures.

I understand and I am informed that, as is with all Healthcare treatments, results are not guaranteed and there is no promise to cure. I further understand and I am informed that, as is with all Healthcare treatments, in the practice of chiropractic there are some risks to treatment, including, but not limited to, muscle spasms for short periods of time, aggravating and/or temporary increase in symptoms, lack in improvement of symptoms, fractures, disc injuries, strokes, dislocations and sprains. I do not expect the doctor to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications, and I wish to rely on the doctor to exercise judgment during the course of the procedure which the doctor feels at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interests.

I further understand that Chiropractic adjustments and supportive treatment is designed to reduce and/or correct subluxations allowing the body to return to improved health. It can also alleviate certain symptoms through a conservative approach with hopes to avoid more invasive procedures. However, like all other health modalities, results are not guaranteed and there is no promise to cure. Accordingly, I understand that all payment(s) for treatment(s) are final and no refunds will be issued.

I further understand that there are treatment options available for my condition other than chiropractic procedures. These treatment options include, but not limited self-administered, over the counter analgesics and rest; medical care with prescription drugs such as anti-inflammatories, muscle relaxants and painkillers; physical therapy; steroid injections; bracing; and surgery. I understand and have been informed that I have the right to a second opinion and secure other opinions if I have concerns as to the nature of my symptoms and treatment options.

I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below I agree to the above-named procedures. I intend this consent to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

I, _____ have read and fully understand the above statements.
(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Date)

Consent to evaluate and adjust a minor child:

I, _____ being the parent or legal guardian of _____
have read and fully understand the above statements and hereby grant permission for my child to receive
chiropractic care.

(Signature)

(Date)

Alternative Health Management

Patient Information

Financial Agreement

I understand that all services rendered on a cash, check, or credit card basis and are to be paid at the time of service for any services or any products I wish to purchase. I also agree to the \$25 returned check charge in the event that my check is returned.

Patient's Initials _____

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

I understand and have been provided with a Notice of Privacy Practices that provides a more complete description of information uses and disclosures. I understand that I have the following rights and privileges:

- The right to review the notice prior to signing this consent
- The right to object to the use of my health information for directory purposes
- The right to request restrictions as to how my health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operation

Patient's Initials _____

Missed Appointment Policy (No Call/No Show)

I understand that I will be charged a fee if I miss my scheduled appointment time without giving a 24hr notice of cancellation. No Call/ No Shows are subject to the entire amount of the service they are scheduled. Same day cancellations will be subject to \$35 cancellation fee. My scheduled time is set aside for me, therefore, another patient cannot be scheduled during that period on that day. I also understand that if I am late for my scheduled appointment or do not have the new patient paperwork complete in its entirety I may be asked to wait allowing the next patient to be seen, or may have to reschedule.

Patient's Initials _____

30 Day Return Policy

I understand the nutritional supplements; homeopathic remedies and/or other supplies are available for purchase. Any product brought in for a refund or exchange must be within the 30 days of the original purchase date. Seals cannot be broken on any packaging and must be in the original boxes if applicable. Returns are subject to a 10% Restocking fee.

Patient's Initials _____

Credit Card Authorization Form

To schedule an appointment this form must be returned to our office no later than 12:00 (noon) the day before your scheduled appointment. You may fax or email this form to: Crystal@alternativehealthmanagement.com or 713-722-0055 (fax)

Please note that your debit/credit card will not be charged to hold this appointment. However, if you DO NOT show for your appointment or cancel within 24 hours, your account will be charged depending on the length of your scheduled time. (\$80-\$125)

Patient paperwork needs to be completely filled out prior to your appointment time. If upon arriving your paperwork is not complete we may need to reschedule and you will be charged \$35. Your appointment is very important to Dr. Howell and the staff at Alternative Health Management. Dr. Howell makes every effort to stay on schedule so you are not inconvenienced by delays. Thank you for your compliance.

Name on the Card: _____

Type of Card: Visa ___ MC ___ AmEx ___ Discover ___ Other ___

Account number _____

Expiration Date _____

Security Code _____

Billing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

By signing this form, you authorize Alternative Health Management to charge your card for any missed appointment fees that you incur if you do not contact their office within 24hrs of your appointment.

Print: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

It is necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others. We may share medical information when necessary to help law enforcement officials capture a person who has admitted to being part of a crime or has escaped from legal custody.

Workers Compensation:

We may disclose health information when authorized or necessary to comply with laws relating to workers compensation or other similar programs.

Health Oversight Activities:

We may disclose medical information to an agency providing health oversight for oversight activities authorized by law, including audits, civil, administrative, or criminal investigations or proceedings, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions, or other authorized activities.

Law Enforcement:

Under certain circumstances, we may disclose health information to law enforcement officials. These circumstances include reporting required by certain laws (such as the reporting of certain types of wounds), pursuant to certain subpoenas or court orders, reporting limited information concerning identification and location at the request of a law enforcement official, reports regarding suspected victims of crimes at the request of a law enforcement official, reporting death, crimes on our premises, and crimes in emergencies.

Appointment Reminders:

We may use and disclose medical information for purposes of sending you appointment postcards or otherwise reminding you of your appointments.

Alternative and Additional Medical Services:

We may use and disclose medical information to furnish you with information about health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you, and to describe or recommend treatment alternatives.

Your Individual Rights

You Have a Right to:

1. Look at or get copies of certain parts of your medical information. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless it is not practical for us to do so. You must make your request in writing. You may ask the receptionist for the form needed to request access. There may be charges for copying and for postage if you want the copies mailed to you. Ask the receptionist about our fee structure.

2. Receive a list of all the times we or our business associates shared your medical information for purposes other than treatment, payment, and health care operations and other specified exceptions.
3. Request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your medical information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in the case of an emergency).
4. Request that we communicate with you about your medical information by different means or to different locations. Your request that we communicate your medical information to you by different means or at different locations must be made in writing to our Privacy Officer.
5. Request that we change certain parts of your medical information. We may deny your request if we did not create the information you want changed or for certain other reasons. If we deny your request, we will provide you with a written explanation. You may respond with a statement of disagreement that will be added to the information you wanted changed. If we accept your request to change the information, we will make reasonable efforts to tell others, including people you name, of the change and to include the changes in any future sharing of that information.
6. If you wish to receive a paper copy of this privacy notice, then you have the right to obtain a paper copy by making a request in writing to our Privacy Officer.

Questions and Complaints

If you have any questions about this notice, please ask the receptionist to speak to our Privacy Officer. If you think that we may have violated your privacy rights, you may speak to our Privacy Officer and submit a written complaint. To take either action, please inform the receptionist that you wish to contact the Privacy Officer or request a complaint form. You 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. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES*

**We Care
About
Your
Privacy**
You keep

Our Pledge Regarding Medical Information

The privacy of your medical information is important to us. We understand that your medical information is personal and we are committed to protecting it. We create a record of the care and services you receive at our organization. We need this record to provide you with quality care and to comply with certain legal requirements. This notice will tell you about the ways we may use and share medical information about you. We also describe your rights and certain duties we have regarding the use and disclosure of medical information.

*These privacy practices are currently in effect and will remain in effect until further notice.

Our Legal Duty

Law Requires Us to:

1. Keep your medical information private.
2. Give you this notice describing our legal duties, privacy practices, and your rights regarding your medical information.
3. Follow the terms of the current notice.

We Have the Right to:

1. Change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, provided that the changes are permitted by law.
2. Make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our notice effective for all medical information that we keep, including information previously created or received before the changes.

Notice of Change to Privacy Practices:

1. Before we make an important change in our privacy practices, we will change this notice and make the new notice available upon request.

Use and Disclosure of Your Medical Information

The following section describes different ways that we use and disclose medical information. Not every use or disclosure will be listed. However, we have listed all of the different ways we are permitted to use and disclose medical information. We will not use or disclose your medical information for any purpose not listed below, without your specific written authorization. Any specific written authorization you provide may be revoked at any time by writing to us.

For Treatment:

We may use medical information about you to provide you with medical treatment or services. We may disclose medical information about you to doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or other people who are taking care of you. We may also share medical information about you to your other health care providers to assist them in treating you.

For Payment:

We may use and disclose your medical information for payment purposes. A bill may be sent to you or a third-party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include your medical information.

For Health Care Operations:

We may use and disclose your medical information for our health care operations. This might include measuring and improving quality, evaluating the performance of employees, conducting training

programs, and getting the accreditation, certificates, licenses and credentials we need to serve you.

Additional Uses and Disclosures:

In addition to using and disclosing your medical information for treatment, payment, and health care operations, we may use and disclose medical information for the following purposes.

Facility Directory:

Unless you notify us that you object, the following medical information about you will be placed in our facility directories: your name, your location in our facility; your condition described in general terms; your religious affiliation, if any. We may disclose this information to members of the clergy or, except for your religious affiliation, to others who contact us and ask for information about you by name.

Notification:

We may use and disclose medical information to notify or help notify: a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care. We will share information about your location, general condition, or death. If you are present, we will get your permission if possible before we share, or give you the opportunity to refuse permission. In case of emergency, and if you are not able to give or refuse permission, we will share only the health information that is directly necessary for your health care, according to our professional judgment. We will also use our professional judgment to make decisions in your best interest about allowing someone to pick up medicine, medical supplies, x-ray or medical information for you.

Disaster Relief:

We may share medical information with a public or private organization or person who can legally assist in disaster relief efforts.

Fundraising:

We may provide medical information to one of our affiliated fundraising foundations to contact you for fundraising purposes. We will limit our use and sharing to information that describes you in general, not personal, terms and the dates of your health care. In any fundraising materials, we will provide you a description of how you may choose not to receive future fundraising communications.

Research in Limited Circumstances:

We may use medical information for research purposes in limited circumstances where the research has been approved by a review board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of medical information.

Funeral Director, Coroner, Medical Examiner:

To help them carry out their duties, we may share the medical information of a person who has died with a coroner, medical examiner, funeral director, or an organ procurement organization.

Specialized Government Functions:

Subject to certain requirements, we may disclose or use health information for military personnel and veterans, for national security and intelligence activities, for protective services for the President and others, for medical suitability determinations for the Department of State, for correctional institutions and other law enforcement custodial situations, and for government programs providing public benefits.

Court Orders and Judicial and

Administrative Proceedings:

We may disclose medical information in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process, under certain circumstances. Under limited circumstances, such as a court order, warrant, or grand jury subpoena, we may share your medical information with law enforcement officials. We may share limited information with a law enforcement official concerning the medical information of a suspect, fugitive, material witness, crime victim or missing person. We may share the medical information of an inmate or other person in lawful custody with a law enforcement official or correctional institution under certain circumstances.

Public Health Activities:

As required by law, we may disclose your medical information to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, including child abuse or neglect. We may also disclose your medical information to persons subject to jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of reporting adverse events associated with product defects or problems, to enable product recalls, repairs or replacements, to track products, or to conduct activities required by the Food and Drug Administration. We may also, when we are authorized by law to do so, notify a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or otherwise be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

Victims of Abuse, Neglect, or Domestic Violence:

We may use and disclose medical 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 share your medical information if

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