

### **Notice of Privacy Practices**

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- o Notify a person of a recall, repair, or replacement of products or devices;
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- o Notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

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# Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

Russell P. Fitton III  
Russell P. Fitton IV

\* You May Refuse to Sign This Acknowledgment\*

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Right to Revoke:

I have the right at any time to revoke this Acknowledgement for any reason. I have the right to sign this portion at a later time/date of my choice to revoke my Acknowledgment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## For Office Use Only

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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) \_\_\_\_\_



The following is for:  the patient's spouse  the person responsible for payment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male  Female  Married  Single  Child  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Information

The following is for:  the patient  the person responsible for payment

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### Insurance Information

#### Primary

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Is insured a patient?  Yes  No  
Last First MI  
Insured's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insured's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Insured's Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient's relationship to insured:  Self  Spouse  Child  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Plan Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Secondary

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Is insured a patient?  Yes  No  
Last First MI  
Insured's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insured's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Insured's Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient's relationship to insured:  Self  Spouse  Child  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Plan Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Consent for Services

As a condition of your treatment by this office, financial arrangements must be made in advance. The practice depends upon reimbursement from the patients for the costs incurred in their care and financial responsibility on the part of each patient must be determined before treatment.

All emergency dental services, or any dental services performed without previous financial arrangements, must be paid for in cash at the time services are performed.

Patients who carry dental insurance understand that all dental services furnished are charged directly to the patient and that he or she is personally responsible for payment of all dental services. This office will help prepare the patients insurance forms or assist in making collections from insurance companies and will credit any such collections to the patient's account. However, this dental office cannot render services on the assumption that our charges will be paid by an insurance company.

A service charge of 1½% per month (18% per annum) on the unpaid balance will be charged on all accounts exceeding 60 days, unless previously written financial arrangements are satisfied.

I understand that the fee estimate listed for this dental care can only be extended for a period of six months from the date of the patient examination.

In consideration for the professional services rendered to me, or at my request, by the Doctor, I agree to pay therefore the reasonable value of said services to said Doctor, or his assignee, at the time said services are rendered, or within five (5) days of billing if credit shall be extended. I further agree that the reasonable value of said services shall be as billed unless objected to, by me, in writing, within the time for payment thereof. I further agree that a waiver of any breach of any time or condition hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any further term or condition and I further agree to pay all costs and reasonable attorney fees if suit be instituted hereunder.

I grant my permission to you or your assignee, to telephone me at home or at my work to discuss matters related to this form. I authorize my insurance company to directly pay this dental practice any amount due pending a claim for dental treatment or services. I also authorize this doctor to release any information to my insurance company. We reserve the right to charge for any missed or cancelled appointments without 24-hour notice. A fee of \$50.00 per occurrence per family member will be charged to your account.

I have read the above conditions of treatment and payment and agree to their content.

Signature of patient, parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of guarantor of payment/responsible party \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_