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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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OUR LEGAL DUTY

Grand Junction Periodontics is required by federal and Colorado law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information ("PHI"). This Notice explains how we may use and disclose your PHI related to periodontal evaluations, surgical procedures, implant therapy, sedation, radiographic imaging, and related dental services, and explains your rights regarding that information.

We are required to follow the duties and privacy practices described in this Notice and to give you a copy of it.

USES AND DISCLOSURES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION

Treatment

We may use and disclose your PHI to provide, coordinate, or manage your periodontal and surgical care. This includes communication with your general dentist, referring providers, dental laboratories, specialists, anesthesia providers, and surgical facilities involved in your care.

Payment

We may use and disclose your PHI to obtain payment for services, including insurance verification, billing, claims processing, and collections.

Health Care Operations

We may use your PHI for practice operations such as quality assessment, credentialing, training, compliance activities, audits, risk management, and business planning.

Required by Law

We may disclose PHI when required by federal, state, or local law, including public health reporting and regulatory oversight.

Legal Proceedings

We may disclose PHI in response to a valid court order, subpoena, or other lawful legal process, as permitted or required by law.

SPECIAL CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIONS

Substance Use Disorder Records

Certain substance use disorder treatment records are protected by federal law (42 C.F.R. Part 2). These records may not be disclosed without your written consent or a qualifying court order, except as otherwise permitted by law.

Reproductive Health Information

Information related to reproductive health services is protected under federal and applicable state privacy laws. We do not disclose this information for law enforcement or civil proceedings unless legally required.

Mental Health, HIV, and Other Sensitive Information

Certain health information, including mental health records, HIV status, and other specially protected information, may be subject to heightened confidentiality protections under Colorado and federal law. When laws provide greater privacy protection than HIPAA, we follow the more protective standard.



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USES AND DISCLOSURES THAT REQUIRE YOUR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION

We will obtain your written authorization before using or disclosing your PHI for purposes not described in this Notice, including:

- Marketing purposes
- Sale of PHI
- Most uses of psychotherapy notes (if applicable)

You may revoke your authorization in writing at any time, except to the extent we have already acted on it.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to:

- Access and obtain a copy of your PHI
- Request amendments to your PHI
- Request confidential communications
- Request restrictions on certain uses or disclosures
- Receive an accounting of disclosures
- Receive a paper copy of this Notice
- File a complaint without retaliation

**Requests must be submitted in writing

BREACH NOTIFICATION

We will notify you as required by law if a breach of your unsecured PHI occurs.

QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS

If you have questions or believe your privacy rights have been violated, please contact our office directly. You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices for Grand Junction Periodontics. I understand that this Notice describes how my protected health information may be used and disclosed.

Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____