

*Improving Chances*  
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Notice of Health Information Practices

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

Each time you visit a hospital, physician, or other healthcare provider, a record of your visit is made. Typically, this record contains your symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and a plan for future care or treatment. This information is often referred to as your health or medical record. Under federal law, we are permitted to use and disclose personal health information without authorization for treatment, payment or health care options.

**Examples of Disclosures for Treatment, Payment and Health Operations**

*We will use your health information for treatment.* For example: Information obtained by the physician will be recorded in your record and used to determine the course of treatment that should work best for you. Your physician will document in your record his expectations of the treatment. In that way the physician will know how you are responding to treatment.

*We will use your health information for payment.* For example: A bill may be sent to you or a third-party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis, procedures and supplies used.

Although your health record is the physical property of the healthcare practitioner or facility that compiled it, the information belongs to you. You have the right to: request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information, obtain a paper copy of the notice of information practices upon request, inspect and copy your health record, amend your health record, and revoke your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that action has already been taken.

This organization is required to: maintain the privacy of your health information, provide you with a notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect and maintain about you, abide by the terms of this notice, notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction, accommodate reasonable requests you may have to communicate health information by alternative means or at alternative locations.

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with Dr. Ortego or with the Secretary of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

My signature below indicates that I have read the notice of privacy practices.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_