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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that, under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPPA"), I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information. I understand that this information can and will be used to:

- Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow-up among the multiple healthcare providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly.
- Obtain payment from the third-party payers.
- Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physician certifications.

I acknowledge that I have received you **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES** containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my health information. I understand that this organization has rights to change its Notice of Privacy Practices from time to time and I may contact this organization at any time at the address above to obtain my current copy of Notice of Privacy Practices.

I understand that I may request in writing that you restrict how my private information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations. I also understand you are not required to agree to my request restrictions, but if you agree then you are bound to abide by such restrictions.

PATIENT NAME: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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I attempted to obtain the patient's signature in acknowledgement of this Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement, but was unable to do so as documented below:

Date: _____ Initials: _____ Reason: _____