

# HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices (BEBAR FAMILY DENTAL)

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

This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations (TPO) and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. "Protected health information" is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical, dental or mental health condition and related health care services.

### **1. Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information**

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Your protected health information may be used and disclosed by your physician, dentist, our office staff and others outside of our office that are involved in your care and treatment for the purpose of providing health care services to you, to pay your health care bills to support the operation of the dentist/physician's practice, and any other use required by law.

**Treatment:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party (such as Family members, etc.). We will also disclose to a family member, spouse, adult children, and information as necessary for your overall dental care. By signing this document, you give permission to share your dental health information with any family member, friend or other persons to the extend necessary to help with your healthcare and/or with payment for your healthcare.

For example: we would disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to a home health agency that provides care to you. An another example would be when we would need to share your records of information to a specialist or a physician to whom you have been referred to, to ensure that the physician or specialist has the necessary information to diagnose or treat you.

**Payment:** Your protected health information will be used as needed to obtain payment for your health/dental care services, including from your family members or friends. For example: obtaining approval for a dental procedure from an insurance carrier that may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the insurance plan to obtain approval for the procedure.

**Healthcare Operations:** We may use or disclose, as-needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of your dentist's practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review, activities, training of medical/dental students, licensing, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example: we may disclose your protected health information to dental/hygiene students that see patients at our office. In addition, we may use a sign-in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name. We may use or disclose your protected health information as necessary to contact you to remind you of your appointment via mail or by phone.

We may use or disclose your protected health information in the following situations without your authorization: These situations include: as Required by Law, Public Health issues as required by Law, Communicable Diseases, Health Oversight Abuse or Neglect, Food and Drug Administration requirements, Legal Proceeding, Law Enforcement, Coroners, Funeral Directors, Organ Donation services, Research, Criminal Activity, Military Activity and National Security, Workers' Compensation. Under the law, we must make disclosures to you and when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of Section 164.500.