

HIPPA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This Notice of Privacy Practices is required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. It describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed.

- **1. Treatment**. To provide, coordinate, or manage your health care. Your record may be reviewed by medical personnel including physicians, nurses, medical technicians, medical students, or other personnel involved in providing your medical care.
- 2. Payment. To obtain payment for your health care services. Third Parties involved in payment may be exposed to certain medical information including Insurance companies, managed care operations and their affiliates, our medical software vendor and electronic billing company and family members who have agreed to be responsible for your account.
- **3. Health Care Operations.** To support the daily activities related to health care. In order to keep our facility operable, we are subject to inspections and reviews that include: Medicare, Managed Care Operations, AAAASF and state licensing inspectors for the surgery center.
- **4. Government Oversight**. To a health oversight agency legally authorized for audits, investigations, and inspections. OSHA, CLIA, HCFA and state organizations with oversight responsibility.

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- **5. Law and Legal Proceedings.** To parties and entities in proceedings of courts and administrative agencies, including in response to a court order or subpoena.
- **6. Military.** For those serving in the military, reserves or veterans, medical information can be disclosed with proper military command.
- **7. Workers' Compensation Cases.** To workers' compensation programs.
- **8. Prevention of Threats.** To prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public.
- **9. Public Health.** To public health authorities and parties regulated by them, as permitted by law for prevention or control of disease, injury, or disability.