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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

My signature confirms that I have been informed of my rights to privacy regarding my protected health information, under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). I understand that this information can and will be used to:

- Provide and coordinate my treatment among a number of health care providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly
- Obtain payment from third-party payers of my health care services
- Conduct normal health care operations such as quality assessment and improvement activities.

I have been informed of my dental provider's *Notice of Privacy Practices* containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my protected health information. I have been given the right to review and receive a copy of such *Notice of Privacy Practices*. I understand that my dental provider has the right to change the *Notice of Privacy Practices* and that I may contact this office at the address above to obtain a current copy of the *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 and I understand that you are not required to agree to my requested restrictions, but if you do agree then you are bound to abide by such restrictions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If other than patient, indicate relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent family members also covered by this acknowledgement:

I authorize that my private information can be released to: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Office Use Only:

We were unable to obtain the patient's written acknowledgement of our *Notice of Privacy Practices* due to the following reason:

Patient refused to sign     Communication barrier     Emergency situation     Other

Notes: