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I understand that, under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), 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 third-party payers.
- Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physicians certifications.

I have received, read, and understand your *Notice of Privacy Practices* containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my health information. I understand that this organization has the right to change its *Notice of Privacy Practices* from time to time, and that I may contact this organization at any time 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 healthcare operations. I also 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.

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Relationship to Patient: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date:	Initials:	Reason:
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