

**ATTACHMENT A TO NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**  
**SUMMARY OF STATE LAWS THAT REQUIRE YOUR CONSENT**

<b>FLORIDA LAW</b>
<p><i>Hospital</i></p> <p><u>Medical Records.</u> We will not release your medical record without your written consent, except as follows: to individuals currently involved in your care; to licensed facility personnel for administrative, quality assurance and risk management purposes; disciplinary proceedings of professional boards; the Agency for Health Care Administration; the Department of Health to establish a trauma registry; the Department of Children and Family Services to investigate child abuse and elder abuse; the local trauma agency; organ procurement organizations; the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; the Department of Financial Services; a regional poison control center; or in a civil or criminal action, if the person seeking your medical records has issued a subpoena and given you notice.</p>
<p><i>Physician</i></p> <p><u>Medical Records.</u> We will not release your medical record without your written consent, except as follows: for treatment purposes, for a compulsory physical exam required by law for a legal proceeding, to a regional poison control center, to defend ourselves in a medical negligence action or administrative proceeding, to the Department of Health for any professional disciplinary proceedings if you do not authorize the disclosure (they do not have to ask your permission if the disciplinary proceeding involves misuse of controlled substances or if you are assisting your physician in any fraudulent activity), to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Department of Legal Affairs if you are a Medicaid recipient, or in a civil or criminal action, if the person seeking your medical records has issued a subpoena and given you notice.</p>
<p><i>Hospice</i></p> <p><u>Medical Records.</u> We will not release your medical record, unless you give us written informed consent, there is a court order to release, or we are required by law to report statistical information to a state or federal agency.</p>
<p><i>Sensitive Information</i></p> <p><u>Genetic Information.</u> Florida law provides that the identity and results of DNA analysis are the exclusive property of the individual tested and disclosure is prohibited without consent except for purposes of criminal prosecution, determining paternity and acquiring specimens.</p> <p><u>AIDS/HIV Information.</u> We will only release your positive preliminary HIV test results without your consent to: (1) a licensed physician or medical and nonmedical personnel subject to significant exposure, (2) health care providers and the person tested when decisions about medical care or treatment cannot wait for the results of confirmatory testing, and (3) as approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.</p> <p>We may release your positive AIDS/HIV test result without your permission to: medical personnel subject to significant exposure, health care providers and their employees who are treating you or handle or process specimens of body fluids, the county and federal Department of Health, payers for purposes of getting paid, health facilities or providers that procure, process distribute or use human body parts from a deceased person, staff involved with quality review, medical or epidemiological researchers, a person allowed access by the judge of compensation claims of the Division of Administrative Hearings, any person responsible for the care of a child with AIDS/HIV, employees of residential facilities or community-based care programs that care for developmentally disabled persons, or pursuant to a court order.</p> <p><u>Sexually Transmissible Diseases.</u> We will not disclose medical information about your sexually transmissible diseases without your permission, unless we need to make a disclosure to medical personnel, we are required to release such information to those involved with ensuring jail inmates have been tested, or as necessary to evaluate a subpoena request.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Information.</u> We will not disclose your mental health information without your express and informed consent, unless your attorney needs the information to represent you, we are ordered by the court, you are in jail, you have declared an intent to harm another person, your information is needed by the Medicaid Fraud Unit of the Department of Legal Affairs, your information is needed by the Agency for Healthcare Administration and Florida Advocacy Councils for purposes of monitoring facilities and answering patient complaints, your information is needed to determine involuntary outpatient placement, the release is to a qualified researcher or aftercare treatment provider. We may provide a summary of your mental health information to your parent or next of kin.</p> <p><u>Alcohol and Drug Abuse Information.</u> We will not disclose your alcohol and drug abuse information without your permission unless, we need to disclose this information to medical personnel in a medical emergency, we need the information to treat you, there is an audit review of the service provider, we are required to report information to the Department of Health for scientific research, the court orders disclosure, there is suspected child abuse and neglect, or if a crime is committed on our property.</p> <p><u>Communications with Your Psychologist.</u> Your communications with your psychologist may not be released without your permission unless, the psychologist is a defendant in a civil, criminal or disciplinary action filed by you. Also, if there is a clear and immediate probability of physical harm to you or to society, your psychologist may release your confidential information to the potential victim, appropriate family member, law enforcement or other appropriate authorities.</p>

## GEORGIA LAW

### *All Providers*

Evidence in a Legal Proceeding: We will only release your medical information as evidence in a legal proceeding where authorized or required by law or court order, or upon written authorization by the patient or his/her representative.

### *Sensitive Information*

HIV/AIDS Information: We will get your consent to release your HIV/AIDS information, unless we need the information for treatment, we are required by law to report the diagnosis to the Department of Public Health, we believe your spouse, sexual partner or other family member is at risk, or if your physician or other care provider came in contact with AIDS/HIV bodily fluids.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Information: We will get your consent to release your mental health and substance abuse information, unless we need the information for treatment, when transferring you to a different facility, if ordered by the court or required by law.

Genetic Testing: We will use your genetic information to treat you, but will only release your genetic information to others when you give us permission.

## KENTUCKY LAW

### *Hospital*

In General: We will ask you for authorization to disclose your medical information except, we may use your medical information to treat you and may provide a copy or access to authorized personnel or for consultations, or we may release your medical information if ordered by the court.

### *Nursing Home*

Medical Records. We will not release your medical information without your consent, unless we are transferring you to another facility, we are required by law, or we are required to make a disclosure by a third-party payment contract.

### *Home Health Agency*

Medical Records. We must keep your medical information confidential unless you allow further disclosure.

### *Hospice*

Medical Records. We must keep your medical information confidential unless you allow further disclosure.

### *Sensitive Information*

Mental Health Records: We will get your permission to disclose your mental health information except when: we are permitted to release the information to comply with Kentucky law, there is a federal governmental inquiry, or if ordered by the court.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Information: We will ask you for permission to disclose your alcohol and drug abuse information except: no authorization is required for internal communication within a treatment program or between a program and an entity having direct administrative control for purposes related to provision of services.

AIDS/HIV Information: We will not disclose your identity or test results without your permission, except to the following persons: any person you authorize the release to, anyone treating you, state required reporting, health care facilities that process human body parts; quality review; authorized medical or epidemiological researchers who shall not further disclose any identifying characteristics or information; or a person allowed access by a court order.

Family Planning. All lists and medical records maintained by hospitals and medical laboratories for birth defects, stillbirths, and high-risk conditions shall be confidential and may only be reported to the State or if you give us written consent.

Abortion: Your abortion information is confidential and may only be released to individuals involved in your care, as required by Kentucky law, or as required by third party payment contract.

Communications With Your Psychologist. Your communications with your psychologist are privileged.

**KANSAS LAW**

*Home Health Agency*

In General. We will ask you for written consent for release of your medical information unless we are required to disclose your medical information by law.

*Sensitive Information*

Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Your medical information is confidential and you may claim a privilege to prevent disclosure except as follows: for your involuntary commitment for treatment; when a judge orders the examination of your mental, alcoholic, drug dependency or emotional condition; in any proceeding when you use a defense of mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse; when required by law to report to the State of Kansas; for your emergency treatment; when we need to release your information to protect a person who has been threatened with substantial physical harm by you during the course of treatment; for disclosures by a state psychiatric hospital to appropriate administrative staff of the department of corrections; when we believe disclosing your information to you will be injurious to your welfare; when we are required to release your information to a state or national accreditation, certification or licensing authority, or scholarly investigator with their promise to only disclose your identity to those authorized by law; any information to the state protection and advocacy system requires to be available by a federal grant-in-aid program; when we try to collect payment; for investigations or proceedings conducted by a coroner in the performance of such coroner's official duties; to share evaluation and treatment records by and between or among treatment facilities, correctional institutions, jails, juvenile detention facilities or juvenile correctional facilities regarding a proposed patient, patient or former patient for continuity of care; for release of the name, date of birth, date of death, name of any next of kin and place of residence of a deceased former patient when that information is sought as part of a genealogical study; or when the commissioner of juvenile justice, or the commissioner's designee, requests information about a juvenile.

AIDS/HIV Information. We are required by law to report an AIDS/HIV positive test result to the Secretary of State for Kansas.

Communications with Your Psychologist. Your communications with your psychologist are confidential and will not be disclosed without your permission, except if your psychologist is testifying in court hearings concerning matters of adult abuse, adoption, child abuse, child neglect, or other matters pertaining to the welfare of children, or is seeking collaboration or consultation with professional colleagues or administrative superiors, or both, or is making a report to the state that is required by law.

**NORTH CAROLINA LAW**

*Disclosure of Information Following a Vehicle Crash*

In the event you are involved vehicle crash, we may:

- disclose certain information to the investigating law enforcement officer, upon request;
- provide law enforcement with access to visit and interview you; and
- disclose a certified copy of information related to you as required by a search warrant or judicial order.

*Court Proceedings/Privilege*

In General. The following individuals cannot be required to disclose information relating to your care which was obtained while he/she was performing professional services:

- Physicians and those medical professionals assisting the physician
- Psychologists and his/her employees
- Social Workers
- Counselors
- Optometrists
- Nurses

Disclosure to Court. We may be required to disclose information obtained by the above referenced individuals if a judge determines disclosure is necessary for the proper administration of justice.

*Home Care*

In General. If applicable, we will not disclose your personal or medical records except as permitted or required by applicable State or federal law.

*Hospice*

Inspections by the Department of Health and Human Services. If applicable, we will not release any information or permit any inspections without first informing you in writing of your right to object. Further, the Department shall not disclose any information obtained unless you or your legal representative authorize the disclosure in writing or unless a court orders such disclosure.

*Adult Care Home Residents*

In General. If applicable, we will not disclose your personal or medical records except as permitted or required by applicable State or federal law.

*Nursing Home*

In General. If applicable, we will not disclose your personal or medical records without your written consent except to the extent: requested by family members; upon the patient's transfer to another health care institution; or required by law or third party payment contract.

*Pharmacy*

In General. Our pharmacists are permitted to have access to your patient records when necessary to provide pharmaceutical services.

Pharmacy Records. We will only disclose the contents of your pharmacy records to the following individuals: you, your legally appointed guardian, or any individual you provide with written authorization; the licensed practitioner who wrote the prescription; a licensed practitioner who is treating you; a pharmacist providing your pharmacy services; any person authorized by subpoena, court order, or statute; any individual or entity with the responsibility of providing for or paying for your medical care; members or employees of the Board of Pharmacy; researchers and surveyors with approval from the Board; owners of the pharmacy, including their authorized agents; covered entities or business associates for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations; and any person when the pharmacist reasonably determines that the disclosure is necessary to protect the life or health of any person.

*Sensitive Information*

Organ Donation.

- Once we refer an individual to a procurement organization, the procurement agency may have access to the donor's medical records for purpose of examination to ensure medical suitability.
- In the event you become an organ donor, your medical record will be kept separate and distinct from the transplant recipient's record.

Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse.

- If applicable, we shall not disclose your confidential information except to the extent
  - You or your legal representative consents in writing;
  - We determine it is your best interest to disclose the fact of admission or discharge to your next of kin;
  - Required by a client advocate in providing monitoring and advocacy functions; provided that, an advocate acting upon the request of you or your legal representative must have your written authorization for access to your information;
  - A court issues an order compelling disclosure;
  - We determine it is in your best interest to file a petition for involuntary commitment or to file a petition for the adjudication of incompetency;
  - You are a defendant in a criminal case and the court orders a mental examination;
  - Required for your care and treatment (e.g., conducting quality assessments, payment activities, to obtain state benefits, required for emergency medical services, providing information to the referring health care provider);
  - We determine there is an imminent danger to you or another and there is a likelihood of the commission of a felony or violent misdemeanor; or
  - Required by the Secretary to ensure quality assurance activities.
- We are required to provide you or your legal representative with access to the information in your record with the exception of information that would be injurious to your physical or mental well-being.

Communicable Diseases. In the event we have reason to suspect that you have a communicable disease or communicable condition, we are required to report such information to the local health director. Further, we must permit the local health director or State Health Director to examine, review, and obtain a copy of medical or other records related to such disease or condition.

We will not release your AIDS or communicable disease information without the written consent of you or your legal representative, except under the following circumstances:

- Release is made for statistical purposes in a way that you cannot be identified;
- Release is necessary to protect the public health and made pursuant to the rules established by the Commission;
- Release is made pursuant to subpoena or court order;
- Release is otherwise permitted by law; or
- Release is made pursuant to any law that authorizes or requires the release of information related to AIDS.

Further, we will not release your HIV information unless otherwise authorized or required by law.

**TENNESSEE LAW**

*All Providers*

In General. We will not release any of your identifying information, except to comply with any statutorily required reporting to health or government authorities, or to provide access to third-party payors performing utilization review, case management, peer reviews or other administrative functions.

*Hospital*

In General. We will obtain written consent from you or your health care decision maker, before releasing medical record information, unless otherwise authorized by law.

*Emergency Medical Service Providers and Personnel*

In General. If applicable, emergency medical service providers and personnel shall not disclose any information concerning the patient, unless otherwise required by court of law or authorized regulatory agency.

*Home Care Organization*

In General. If applicable, we will not release your medical records without your authorization, unless otherwise authorized by law. Patient records will contain a signed release of information statement when third-party payors are billed or information is shared with individuals outside of the organization.

*Pharmacy*

In General. If applicable, a pharmacist may disclose patient information to communicate a prescription order or where necessary to

- Fulfill the pharmacist's responsibility to carry out prospective drug use review as required by law;
- Assist prescribers in obtaining your drug history;
- Prevent abuse or misuse of any drug or device; or
- Provide a medication therapy management program or a quality assurance program.

*Office Based Surgery/Physician*

In General. If applicable, we will not release your information without your written consent except to persons authorized by law.

*Assisted Living Facility*

Nursing Homes. If applicable, we will only release your resident records to authorized individuals. Original records will only be released in accordance with federal and state laws, court orders or subpoenas.

Adult Care Homes. If applicable, personal information will not be disclosed except to the resident, the Department of Health, and others with written authorization from the resident.

Residential Hospices. If applicable, we will only release information from your records to authorized individuals. Original records may only be released in accordance with federal and state laws.

*Sensitive Information*

Communication with Your Psychiatrist. Generally, your psychiatrist cannot disclose communications in connection with your therapeutic counseling relationship without your consent.

Your psychiatrist cannot be compelled to testify with respect to communications in connection with your therapeutic counseling relationship without your consent except:

In proceedings in which you raise the issue of your mental or emotional condition;

In proceedings for which the psychiatrist was ordered by the court to examine your mental or emotional condition; and

In proceedings to determine whether involuntary hospitalization is required.

In an effort to warn or protect individuals in danger, your psychiatrist can disclose therapeutic communications if you have made an actual threat to harm identifiable individual(s) and the psychiatrist believes you have the capability to commit such act in the near future.

Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Disabilities. If applicable, we will not release your confidential treatment information without your consent unless:

Disclosure is necessary to carry out any of our legal duties,

Disclosure is necessary to provide service or care by the least drastic means available,

Disclosure is required by court order in which the court determines the failure to make the disclosure would be contrary to the public interest or a to the detriment of a party to the proceedings,

Information regarding your overall medical condition (without clinical details) is sought by your family members, legal representatives, foster

parents, or friends,  
Disclosure is necessary for the continuity of service upon transferring to a new service provider, or  
Your custodial agent needs the information to perform his/her duties.

## ILLINOIS LAW

### *Hospice*

**In General.** We will keep your medical information confidential in accordance with the standards for certification under the Medicare program 42 CFR Part 418.

### *Sensitive Information*

**Genetic Information.** Disclosure of genetic information is prohibited without written authorization, except that testing that indicates the individual is afflicted with a disease are not subject to the confidentiality requirements of Illinois law.

**Mental Health Information.** Mental health records may not be copied or inspected except by the patient, a guardian, or any person in whose care and custody the patient has been placed. Records may be disclosed to other individuals as provided by law upon the written consent of those individuals with power to copy or inspect.

**Alcohol and Drug Abuse Information.** Your alcohol and drug abuse information is confidential and will only be disclosed if required by law or you give us consent.

**Clinical Psychologist.** Your clinical psychologist will not disclose your medical information without your consent, except, in trials for homicide when the disclosure relates to specific facts or circumstances, for proceedings to determine mental competency, in civil or criminal actions against the psychologist for malpractice, with express consent of patient, or upon an issue as to the validity of a document such as the will of a patient.

**Genetic Information.** We will not disclose your identity or genetic test results without your permission except to, you, your authorized representative, your caregivers at a health care facility, for quality review purposes at a health care facility, health care facilities that process body parts, or your parents, if you are a minor and we have a good faith belief that this disclosure is in your best interests. Testing that indicates you are afflicted with a disease is not subject to the confidentiality requirements of Illinois law. Certain circumstances also permit disclosure of genetic information in a criminal or civil action pursuant to a protective order.

**HIV/AIDS Information.** We will not disclose your identity or your test results if you receive an HIV test, without your consent, unless we are making a disclosure to you, persons authorized by law, your spouse if there is a positive test results, a health care facility or provider, the Illinois Department of Health or your parent if you are a minor.

## TEXAS LAW

### *All Providers*

**In General.** Texas law specifically prohibits the disclosure or sale of medical information without clear and unambiguous consent from the individual except when disclosure is for the purpose of treatment, payment, health care operations, insurance or HMO functions or as otherwise required by law.

### *Hospital*

**Medical Record.** Your medical information may be disclosed without authorization if the disclosure is: directory information, to a health care provider rendering health care to the patient, to a transporting emergency medical services provider, to a prospective health care provider to secure the services, to an employee or agent of the hospital who requires the information for education or quality assurance and peer review purposes, to a federal, state or local government agency, to a hospital successor in interest, to the American Red Cross, and as otherwise authorized by law. The patient's health care information may be disclosed without authorization if the disclosure is directory information, to a health care provider rendering health care to the patient, to a transporting emergency medical services provider, to a prospective health care provider to secure the services, to an employee or agent of the hospital who requires the information for education or quality assurance and peer review purposes, to a federal, state or local government agency, to a hospital successor in interest, to the American Red Cross, and as otherwise authorized by law.

### *Physician*

**Medical Record.** We will not disclose your medical information without your consent except: in court or administrative proceedings or if disclosure is required by law to a governmental agency, to medical or law enforcement personnel to protect from injury, to qualified personnel for research or audit purposes, for the collection of fees for services provided, to a person who has consent, another physician or personnel acting under the supervision of the physician who diagnosed, evaluated or treated the patient, or for an official legislative inquiry.

**TEXAS LAW**

*Home Health Agency*

In General. We will not disclose your medical information without your consent.

*Nursing Home*

In General. We will not disclose your medical information without your consent, except when required by transfer to another health care institution, required by law, during state surveys, third-party payment contract, or the resident.

*Sensitive Information*

HIV/AIDS Information. The results of an HIV/AIDS test are confidential and may not be disclosed other than to providers rendering care to you, your spouse if tested positive, specific health authorities or as permitted by law.

Hospitals and health care providers may release HIV/AIDS information without your consent to specific state and federal health authorities, personnel treating you or if required by law.

Sexually Transmissible Diseases. The results of an STD test are confidential and may not be disclosed other than to providers rendering care to you, your spouse if tested positive, specific health authorities or as permitted by law.

Genetic information. We will not disclose your genetic information without your informed consent except to you, your physician, for purposes of paternity, court order, identification of decedent, use by the Department of Health or as otherwise permitted by law.

Mental Health Information. We will not disclose your mental health information without your consent except, other than in judicial or administrative proceedings, as follows: a professional may disclose confidential information to a governmental agency, to medical or law enforcement personnel, for audits and evaluation purposes, someone with written consent from you, to your personal representative, to individuals, corporations or governmental agencies involved in paying or collecting fees for mental or emotional health services, to other professionals and personnel or employees who are evaluating and treating you, in an official legislative inquiry, or to satisfy a request for medical records if you are deceased or incompetent.

Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse or Rape. We will not disclose your confidential communications with your advocate about your domestic violence, sexual abuse or rape without your permission except to medical or to law enforcement personnel if there is an imminent probability of physical harm to an individual or if there is a probability of immediate mental or emotional injury to the survivor.

Communications with your Psychologist. Your communications with your psychologist are confidential and will not be released without your consent, except to those involved in your care and treatment and as otherwise permitted by law.

**WISCONSIN LAW**

*Health Care Providers (hospital, pharmacy, physician, hospice)*

In General. We may release a portion, but not a copy, of your health record, to the following individuals, under the following circumstances:

1. If you or your authorized representative are not incapacitated, physically available, and agree to the release, we may release a portion of your health record to any person;
2. If you or your authorized representative are incapacitated or are not physically available, or if an emergency makes it impracticable to obtain you or your authorized representative's consent, and it is determined, in the exercise of a health care provider's professional judgment, that the release of a portion of your health record is in your best interest, we may release to:
  - a. A member of your immediate family or another of your relatives, a close personal friend, or an individual you have identified, that portion of your record that is directly relevant to the member, relative, friend, or individual's involvement in your health care; and
  - b. Any person, that portion that is necessary to identify, locate, or notify a member of the patient's immediate family or another person that is responsible for your care concerning your location, general condition, or death.

*Hospital*

In General. We will not release your original medical records except to legally authorized persons who are acting in accordance with a court order, a subpoena issued in compliance with Wisconsin law, or in accordance with contracted services, provided measures are taken to protect the record from loss, defacement, tampering, and unauthorized access.

*Home Health Agency*

In General. If applicable, we will not release your medical records without your authorization, except in the case of your transfer to a health care facility.

*Sensitive Information*

HIV/AIDS Information. We will not release your HIV/AIDS information without your specific written authorization, except where the release is authorized by law. A private pay patient may prohibit the disclosure of his or her HIV/AIDS information to a researcher if the private pay patient annually submits to us a signed, written request that the disclosure be prohibited.

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Information. We will get your written consent to release your mental health and substance abuse information, except where the release without your consent is authorized by law.

Genetic Testing. We will not release your genetic information without your prior written and informed consent.

Venereal/Communicable Disease. We are required by law to report these diseases to a local health officer or the state epidemiologist and they are required to keep the information confidential.

Communications with Your Psychologist. Confidential communications with your psychologist for purposes of diagnoses or treatment may not be released without your permission unless, the communication is:

- relevant to proceedings for hospitalization, guardianship, protective services, or protective placement or for control, care, or treatment of a sexually violent person;
- related to an examination ordered by a judge;
- relevant to an issue of your physical, mental or emotional condition in any proceedings in which you are relying upon the condition as an element of a claim or defense;
- related directly to the facts or immediate circumstances of a homicide; or
- related to an abused or neglected child or abused unborn child.