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**WARNING REGARDING HIPAA and EMAIL/TEXT COMMUNICATIONS**

Jon Bradley Strawn, M.D., M.B.A. and his practice takes every step possible to maintain your privacy and to stay compliant with all HIPPA laws. However, at this time in technology it is not possible to ensure complete privacy between you and our practice for email and text communications. In other words, if you are to text or email any of your medical information or photos to our practice it cannot be guaranteed that all of the information is compliant with HIPPA privacy laws and it is possible that some of it could be inadvertently exposed. For this reason, we want to make clear that HIPPA compliance is not possible for all text and emails between you and either Dr. Strawn or any of his staff, and you should be warned of the possibility of sensitive information being unprotected.



**HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review carefully.

This notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations (TPO) and for other purposes 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 or mental health condition and related health services.

Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information Your protected health information (PHI) may be used and disclosed by your Physician, 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, pay your health care bills, support the operation of the 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. For example, we would disclose your protected health information as necessary to a home health agency that provides care to you. For example, your protected health information may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician 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 care services. For example, obtaining approval for a hospital stay may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for the hospital admission.

Healthcare Operations: We may use or disclose, as needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of your physicians practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities, training of medical students, licensing, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example, we may disclose your protected health information to medical school 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 and indicate your physician. We may also call you by your name in the waiting room when your physician is ready to see you. We may disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment.

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 Proceedings: Law Enforcement: Coroners: Funeral Directors, and Organ Donation: Research, Criminal Activity: Military Activity and National Security: Worker's Compensation: Inmates: required Uses and Disclosures: 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.

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_