

[HOANG CHIROPRACTIC CENTER]

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of
Notice of Privacy Practices**

This form will be retained in your medical record.

NOTICE TO PATIENT

We are required to provide you with a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which states how we may use and/or disclose your health information. Please sign this form to acknowledge receipt of the Notice.

Patient Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

I acknowledge that I have received and had the opportunity to review the Notice of Privacy Practices on the date below on behalf of Hoang Chiropractic Center.

I understand that the Notice describes the uses and disclosures of my protected health information by Hoang Chiropractic Center and informs me of my rights with respect to my protected health information.

Patient's Signature or that of Legal Representative

Printed Name of Patient or that of Legal Representative

Today's Date

If Legal Representative, Indicate Relationship

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

We have made every effort to obtain written acknowledgment of receipt of our Notice of Privacy from this patient but it could not be obtained because:

- The patient refused to sign.
 - Due to an emergency situation it was not possible to obtain an acknowledgement
 - Communications barriers prohibited obtaining the acknowledgement
 - Other (please specify): _____
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Employee Name

Today's Date

Appointment Reminders - We may use and disclose your PHI to remind you by telephone or mail about appointments you have with us, annual exams, or to follow up on missed or cancelled appointments.

Individuals Involved in Your Care or Payment for Your Care - We may disclose to a family member, other relative, a close friend, or any other person identified by you certain limited PHI that is directly related to that person's involvement with your care or payment for your care. We may use or disclose your PHI to notify those persons of your location or general condition. This includes in the event of your death unless you have specifically instructed us otherwise. If you are unable to specifically agree or object, we may use our best judgment when communicating with your family and others.

Disaster Relief - We also may use or disclose your PHI to an authorized public or private entity to assist in disaster relief efforts. This will be done to coordinate information with those organizations in notifying a family member, other relative, close friend or other individual of your location and general condition.

De-identified Information - The Practice may use and disclose health information that may be related to your care but does not identify you and cannot be used to identify you.

Business Associate - The Practice may use and disclose PHI to one or more of its business associates if the Practice obtains satisfactory written assurance, in accordance with applicable law, that the business associate will appropriately safeguard your PHI. A business associate is an entity that assists the Practice in undertaking some essential function, such as a billing company that assists the office in submitting claims for payment to insurance companies.

Personal Representative - The Practice may use and disclose PHI to a person who, under applicable law, has the authority to represent you in making decisions related to your health care.

Emergency Situations - The Practice may use and disclose PHI for the purpose of obtaining or rendering emergency treatment to you provided that the Practice attempts to obtain your Consent as soon as possible. The Practice may also use and disclose PHI to a public or private entity authorized by law or by its charter to assist in disaster relief efforts, for the purpose of coordinating your care with such entities in an emergency situation.

Public Health and Safety Activities - The Practice may disclose your PHI about you for public health activities and purposes. This includes reporting information to a public health authority that is authorized by law to collect or receive the information. These activities generally include:

- To prevent or control disease, injury or disability
- To report births or deaths
- To report child, elder, or dependent adult abuse or neglect
- To report reactions to medications or problems with products
- To notify people of recalls of products they may be using
- To notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence - We may disclose your PHI to a government authority authorized by law to receive reports of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, if we believe an adult or child is a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence. This will occur to the extent the disclosure is (a) required by law, (b) agreed to by you, (c) authorized by law and we believe the disclosure is necessary to prevent serious harm, or, (d) if you are incapacitated and certain other conditions are met, a law enforcement or other public official represents that immediate enforcement activity depends on the disclosure.

Health Oversight Activities - We may disclose your PHI to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, including audits, investigations, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions. These and similar types of activities are necessary for appropriate oversight agencies to monitor the nation's health care system, government benefit programs, and for the enforcement of civil rights laws.

Sale of Health Information – We will not sell your PHI without your written authorization. If you do authorize such a sale, the authorization will disclose that we will receive compensation for the information that you have authorized us to sell. You have the right to revoke the authorization at any time, which will halt any future sale.

Uses and/or disclosures other than those described in this Notice will be made only with your written authorization. If you do authorize a use and/or disclosure, you have the right to revoke that authorization at any time by submitting a revocation in writing to our Privacy Officer. However, revocation cannot be retroactive and will only impact uses and/or disclosures after the date of revocation.

YOUR RIGHTS

Right to Revoke Authorization – You have the right to revoke any Authorization or consent you have given to the Practice, at any time. To request a revocation, you must submit a written request to the Practice's Privacy Officer.

Right to Request Restrictions – You have the right to request that we restrict the uses or disclosures of your information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You may also request that we limit the information we share about you with a relative or friend of yours. You also have the right to restrict disclosure of information to your commercial health insurance plan regarding services or products that you paid for in full, out-of-pocket and we will abide by that request unless we are legally obligated to do so.

We are not required to agree to any other requested restriction. If we agree, we will follow your request unless the information is needed to a) give you emergency treatment, b) report to the Department of Health and Human Services, or c) the disclosure is described in the "Uses and Disclosures That Are Required or Permitted by Law" section. To request a restriction, you must have your request in writing to the Practice's Privacy Officer. You must tell us: a) what information you want to limit, b) whether you want to limit use or disclosure or both and c) to whom you want the limits to apply. Either you or we can terminate restrictions at a later date.

Right to Receive Confidential Communications – You have the right to request that we communicate your PHI in a certain way or at a certain place. For example, you can ask that we only contact you by mail or at work.

If you want to request confidential communications you must do so in writing to our Practice's Privacy Officer and explain how or where you can be contacted. You do not need to give us a reason for your request. We will accommodate all reasonable requests.

Right to Inspect and Copy – You have the right to inspect and request copies of your information.

To inspect or copy your information, you may either complete an Authorization to Release/Obtain Information form or write a letter of request, stating the type of information to be released, the date(s) of service being requested, the purpose of the request, and whether you wish to review the record or receive copies of the requested information in your preferred format. We will abide by your request in the format you have requested, if we are able to do so. If we cannot provide your records to you in the requested format, we will attempt to provide them in an alternative format that you agree to. You may also request that your records be sent to another person that you have designated in writing. Direct this request to the Practice's Privacy Officer. You may be charged a fee for the cost of copying, mailing or other expenses related with your request.

We may deny your request to inspect and copy information in a few limited situations. If your request is denied, you may ask for our decision to be reviewed. The Practice will choose a licensed health care professional to review your request and the denial. The person conducting the review will not be the person who denied your request. We will comply with the outcome of that review.