

# **Notice of Privacy Practices**

Effective Date: May 14, 2024

# THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

If you have any questions, please contact our Chief Compliance Officer at the address or phone number at the bottom of this Notice.

#### Who will follow this Notice?

HCD provides health care products and supplies to our patients and/or their loved ones in partnership with physicians and other professionals and organizations. The privacy practices in this Notice will be followed by:

- all departments and units of HCD.
- all employed teammates and contract staff, including Billing and Information Technology personnel with whom we may share information.
- any business associate of HCD with whom we share health information in order to provide your supplies and bill your insurer.

### Our pledge to you

We understand that medical information about you is personal. We are committed to protecting medical information about you. We create a record of the medical condition and products, supplies, and/or services HCD provides to you to ensure appropriate care and to comply with legal requirements. This Notice applies separately to each department of our organization, whether the documents are created by company staff or your personal doctor. Your personal doctor may have different policies or notices regarding the doctor's use and disclosure of your medical information created in the doctor's office. We are required by law to:

- keep medical information about you private and notify you of any breach of unsecured protected health information about you.
- give you this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to medical information about you.
- follow the terms of the Notice that is currently in effect.

### **Changes to this Notice**

We may change our policies. Changes will apply to medical information we already hold, as well as new information received after a change occurs. Before we make a significant change in our policies, we will change our Notice and post the new Notice on our website at <a href="www.HCD.com">www.HCD.com</a>. You may request a copy of the current Notice at any time by contacting HCD's Chief Compliance Department at (800) 565-5644 or at <a href="https://hcb.com">HCDCompliance@HCD.com</a>. The effective date is listed just below the title above. You will automatically receive a copy of the current Notice with your first order.

## How we may use and disclose medical information about you

• We may use and disclose medical information about you for treatment (such as sending medical information about you to your doctor's office as part of obtaining required physician authorization); to obtain payment for products, supplies, and/or services (such as sending a list of products or supplies purchased to your insurer); and to support our business operations (such as operating our website and comparing patient data to improve product availability). For more information regarding how we use your information in connection with our website, please see our website Privacy Policy at <a href="https://hcd.com/legal/privacy-policy">https://hcd.com/legal/privacy-policy</a>.



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- We may use or disclose medical information about you without your prior authorization for several other reasons, such as complying with the law, reporting abuse and neglect, public health and safety purposes, business oversight audits or inspections, research studies, worker's compensation purposes, to respond to lawsuits and legal actions, and emergencies. We may also disclose medical information when required by law, such as in response to a request from law enforcement in specific circumstances, or in response to valid judicial or administrative orders.
- We also may contact you to tell you about or recommend products, supplies, or services options, alternatives, or health-related benefits that may be of interest to you, but only if we do not receive financial remuneration from a third party in exchange for making those communications.
- We may disclose medical information about you to a friend or family member who is designated by you or your caregiver and is involved in your medical care.
- As part of ongoing quality improvement efforts, we may send you a survey via mail or email about your experience.

#### Other uses of medical information

In any other situation not covered by this Notice, we will ask for your written authorization before using or
disclosing medical information about you. Examples of uses and disclosures of medical information that require
your authorization include but are not limited to: most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses and
disclosures for marketing purposes, and disclosures that constitute a sale of protected health information. If you
chose to authorize use or disclosure, you can later revoke that authorization by notifying HCD in writing of your
decision.

### Your rights regarding medical information about you:

- When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.
- In most cases, you have the right to review or receive a copy of medical information that we use to make decisions about your products, supplies or services, when you submit a written request; if any of this medical information is maintained by us electronically, you may request an electronic copy. If you would like, we can also send this information in either paper or electronic form to another person you identify in your request. Ask us how to do this. If you request copies, we may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for the cost of copying, mailing or other related supplies. If we deny your request to review or obtain a copy, you may submit a written request for a review of that decision.
- If you believe that information in your record is incorrect or if important information is missing, you have the right to request that we correct the records, by submitting a request in writing that provides your reason for requesting the amendment. We could deny your request to amend a record if the information was not created by us; if it is not part of the medical information maintained by us; or if we determine the record is accurate. You may appeal, in writing, a decision by us not to amend a record.
- You have the right to request a list of those instances where we have disclosed medical information about you, other than for treatment, payment, business operations or where you specifically authorized a disclosure, when you submit a written request. The request must state the time period desired for the accounting, which must be less than a 6-year period and beginning after April 14, 2003. You may receive the list in paper or electronic form. The first disclosure list request in a 12-month period is free; other requests will be charged according to our cost of producing the list. We will inform you of the cost before you incur any costs.
- If this Notice was sent to you electronically, you have the right to a paper copy of this Notice.
- You have the right to request that medical information about you is communicated to you in a confidential
  manner, such as sending mail to an address other than your home, by notifying us in writing of the specific way
  or location for us to use to communicate with you.



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• You may request, in writing, that we not use or disclose medical information about you for treatment, payment or business operations or to persons involved in your care except when specifically authorized by you, when required by law, or in an emergency. We will consider your request, but we are not legally required to accept it, unless your request is with respect to a disclosure of medical information to a health plan for the purpose of payment or health care operations, and the disclosure relates to an item or service for which we have been paid in full (either by you or by someone, other than the health plan, acting on your behalf). We will inform you of our decision on your request. All written requests or appeals should be submitted to our Chief Compliance Officer listed at the end of this Notice.

# **Complaints**

If you are concerned that your privacy rights may have been violated, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your records, you may contact our Chief Compliance Officer (Home Care Delivered, Inc. Attn: Chief Compliance Officer, 11013 West Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Glen Allen, VA 23060). In addition, you may contact CHAP (Community Health Accreditation Program, Inc.) directly at (800) 656-9656 (Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Eastern time). Finally, you may send a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights. Our Chief Compliance Officer can provide you with the address. Under no circumstance will you be penalized or retaliated against for filing a complaint.