ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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My signature confirms that I have been informed of my rights to privacy regarding my Protected health information, under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA). I understand that this information can and will be used to:

* Provide and coordinate my treatment among a number of health care providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly

* Obtain payment from third-party payers for my health care services

* Conduct normal health care operations such as quality assessment and improvement activities

* We may use and/or disclose your health information to communicate reminders about your appointments including voicemail messages, answering machines, and postcards

I have been informed of my dental provider's *Notice of Privacy Practices* containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my protected health information. I have been given the right to review and receive a copy of such *Notice of Privacy Practices.* I understand that my dental provider has the right to change the *Notice of Privacy Practices* and that I may contact this office 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 health care operations and I 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.

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

Dependent family members also covered by this acknowledgement:

For Office Use Only:

We were unable to obtain the patient's written acknowledgement of our *Notice of Privacy Practices* due to the following reason:

* The patient refused to sign
* Communication barriers
* Emergency Situation
* Other