

PREMIER PEDIATRICS INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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

USES AND DISCLOSURES

Without specific written authorization we are permitted to use and disclosure health care records for the specific purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations.

- **For Treatment:** Treatment generally means the provision coordination or management of health care and related services among health care providers or by a health care provider with a third party consultation between health care providers regarding a patient for the referral of a patient from one health care provider to another.
- **For Payment:** Payment encompasses the various activities of health care providers to obtain payment or be reimbursed for their services and of our health plans to obtain premiums to fill their coverage responsibilities and provide benefits under the plan and to obtain or provide reimbursement for the provision of health.
- **For Health Care Operation:** Health care operations and certain administrative financial, legal and quality improvement activities of a covered entity that is necessary to run its business and to support the core functions of treatment and payment.
- To contact you as a reminder that you have an appointment for a treatment or medical care.
- To tell you about recommended possible treatment options or alternatives that may be of interest to you.
- To tell you about health-related benefits or services that may be of interest to you.
- To contact you in an effort to raise money for the practice and its operations.
- To inform a friend or family member, who is involved in your medical care.
- Under certain circumstances, we may use and disclose medical information about you for research purposes.
- When required to do so by Federal State of Local Law.
- When necessary to prevent serious threat to health and safety or the health and safety of public or another person. Any disclosure however would only be to some one able to help prevent the threat.
- If you are an organ donor to organizations that handle organ procurement, or organ, eye, or tissue transplantation, or to an organ donation bank as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.
- If you are a member of an armed forces as required by military command authorities, we may also release medical information about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.
- For worker's compensation or similar programs that provide benefit for work-related injuries or illness.
- For public health activities including to prevent the control of disease, injury or disability to report birth and death, to report child abuse or neglect, to report reactions to medications or problems with products. To notify people of refills and 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. To notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence. We will only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by laws, to a health over side agency for activities authorized by law. These over side activities include for example audits, investigations, inspections and licenser. These activities are necessary for the government to monitor the health care system, government programs and compliance with Civil Rights laws.

- If you are involved in a law suite or dispute in a response to a court or administrative order, we may also disclose medical information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process by someone involved in the dispute, but only if efforts have been made to tell you about the request or obtain an order protecting the information requested.
- If asked to do so by law enforcement or so in response to a court order, if penal warrant, summons or similar process. To identify or locate a suspect fugitive material for the same person. About the victim of crime if under certain eminent circumstances, we are unable to obtain the person's agreement about death, we believe may be the results of her criminal contact. About criminal contact at the hospital and in emergency circumstances to report a crime. The location of the crime or victims or their identity, discussion or location of the person who committed the crime.
- To a coroner and medical examiner or funeral director is necessary to carry out their duties.
- To authorized federal officials for intelligent, counterintelligence and other national security activities by law.
- To authorized federal officials, provide protection to the President, other authorized persons or foreign heads of State for contact special investigation.

YOUR RIGHTS

We have the following rights regarding medial information we may obtain from you:

- **The Right to Inspect and Copy:** You have the right to inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make decisions about your care. Usually this includes medical and billing records. But does not include psychotherapy notes. To inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make a decision about you, you must submit your request in writing. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge a fee for the cost of copying, mailing, or other supplies associated with your request. We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. If you are denied access to medical information, you may request that denial to be reviewed. Another license health care professional chosen by the hospital for review your request and the denial. The person conduction the review will not be the person who denied your request. We will comply with the outcome of the review.
- **Right to Amend:** If you feel your medical information, we have about you is incorrect or incomplete you may ask us to amend the information. You have a right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for the practice. To request an amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted. In addition, you must provide a reason to support your request. We may deny your request for amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that:
 - Was not created by us, unless the person or/and to see who created the information is no longer available to make the amendment:
 - It is not a part of medical information kept by for the practice.
 - It is not part of the information, which he would be permitted to inspect and copy or
 - It is accurate and complete.
- **Right to an Accounting Disclosure:** You have the right to request an accounting of disclosures. This is a list of the disclosures we made of medical information about you. To request this list or accounting of disclosures you much submit a request in writing. Your request must state the time, period which you may not be longer than six years and may not include dates before April will amend that date. Your request should indicate in what form you want the list. For example on paper or electronically. The first list your request within the 12-month period will be free. For additional list, we charge you for the cost of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.
- **Right to Request Restrictions:** You have the right request restriction or limitation on the medical information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment, or healthcare operations. You also have the right to request a limit of the medical information we disclose about you to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care by the family member or friend. For example, you could ask that we not use or disclose information about a surgery you had. We are not required

to agree to your request. If we do agree, we will comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide you emergency treatment.

- **To request restrictions**, you must make your request in writing. In your request, you must tell us (1) what information you want to limit. (2) whether you want limit or use disclose or both. (3) to whom you want the limits to apply, for example disclosures to your spouse.
- **Right to Request Confidential Communication:** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you ask that we only contact you at work or by mail. To request confidential communication, you must make your request in writing. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will accommodate any reasonable request. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.
- **Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice:** You have a right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give your copy of this notice at anytime. If you have agreed to receive this notice electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy of this notice. To obtain a paper copy of this notice, please contact our office.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

We reserve the right to change this notice. We reserve the right to make the revised or change notice affective for medical information we already have about you, as well as information we receive in the future. We will post a copy of the current notice in hospital. The notice will contain on this first page in the top right hand corner, the effective date. In addition, each time you register at or admitted to the hospital for treatment for health care services as an inpatient or outpatient, we will offer you a copy of the current notice in effect.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION and provide you with a notice of legal duties in privacy practices with respect to PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.

We are required to abide by the terms and Notice of Privacy Practices currently in effect. We reserve the right to change terms of our notice of privacy practices and to make a new notice provisions effective for all PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION that we maintain. Revisions to our Notice of Privacy Practices will be posted from the effective date and you may request a written copy of the revised notice from this office.

You have the right to file formal written complaint with us at the address below or the Department Of Health And Human Services Office or Civil Right in the event you feel your privacy right had been violated. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

**For information about our Privacy Practices,
please contact:**

Office Manager - Beth Turk
Premier Pediatrics, Inc.
26040 Detroit Road, Suite 7
Westlake, OH 44145
440-871-1717

**For information about HIPAA or to
file a complaint:**

The U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Office of Civil Rights
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201
877-696-6775

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Privacy Practices

I have received a copy of **Premier Pediatrics, Inc.** Notice of Privacy Practices with an effective date of Notice of Privacy Practices.

Name of Patient/Guardian

Address of Patient/Guardian

Signature of Patient/Guardian

Date