

# PRIVACY POLICIES OF THE OFFICE OF DR DEAN E JARMAN DDS

Please review this notice carefully. It describes how medical and dental information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can gain access to this information. This notice applies to all of the records of your care generated by our practice.

We understand that your healthcare information is personal to you and we are committed to protecting your information. We create paper and electronic records about your health, our care for you, and the services and/or items we provide to you. We need this information to provide for your dental care and to comply with certain legal requirements

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## **OUR LEGAL DUTY**

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to give you this Notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect April 14, 2003, and will remain in effect until we replace it.

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## **USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

We use and disclose health information about you for 'treatment', payment, and healthcare operations. For example:

**Treatment:** We may use or disclose your health information to a dentist, physician, or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you.

**Payment:** We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide to you. (Insurance, collection agencies, etc.)

**Healthcare Operations:** We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, licensing or credentialing activities.

**Your Authorization:** In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it is in effect.

Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described by this Notice. By state law, your authorization is valid for 90 days.

**To Your Family and Friends:** We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. We may disclose your health information to a family member, friend or other person to the extent necessary to help with your healthcare or with payment for your healthcare, but only if you agree that we may do so.

**Persons Involved in Care:** We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, your general condition, or death. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses of disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare. We will also use our professional judgment and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays, or other similar forms of health or dental information.

**Marketing Health-Related Services:** We will not use your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization. Required by Law: We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law. Abuse or Neglect: We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that: you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, or the possible victim or other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.

**National Security:** We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institutions or law enforcement: officials having lawful custody of protected health information of inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

**Appointment Reminders:** We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards, or letters).

## **PATIENT RIGHTS**

**Access:** You have the right to look at or obtain copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practically do so. (You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your health information. You may obtain a form to request access by using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice). We will charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for expenses such as copies and staff time. You may also request access by sending us a letter to the address at the end of this Notice. If you request copies, we may charge you \$0.83 for each page up to 10 and \$0.63 for each page after 10. A \$10 administrative fee may be charged to locate and copy your health information. Radiographs (x-rays) will be duplicated at a reasonable fee. If you request an alternative format, we will charge a cost-based fee for providing your health information in that format. If you prefer, we will prepare a summary or an explanation of your health information for a fee. Contact us using the information at the end of this Notice for a full explanation of our fee structure.

**Disclosure Accounting:** You have the right to receive a list or instances in which we or our business associates disclose your health information for purposes other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations, and certain other activities, for the last 6 years, but not before April 14, 2003. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

**Restriction:** You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement: (except in an emergency).

**Alternative Communication:** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. (You must make your request in writing.) Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location you request.

**Amendment:** You have the right to request that we amend your health information. (Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended.) We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make the changes in our privacy practices and the terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created

or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and make the new Notice available upon request.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice please contact us using the information at the end of this Notice.

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## **QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

If you want more information about: our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us. If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the Contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You also may submit a written complaint to the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support your right to the privacy of your health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Privacy Officer: Amy Olsen

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Address: 11576 S. State St. Suite 302, Draper, UT  
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DEAN E. JARMAN D.D.S.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF OFFICE PRIVACY POLICIES

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*\*You May Refuse to Sign This Acknowledgement\**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received a copy of this office's  
Notice of Privacy Practices.

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*Please Print Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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### *For Office Use Only*

*We attempted to obtain written acknowledgment of receipt of our Notice of  
Privacy Practices, but acknowledgement could not be obtained because:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Individual refused to sign*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Communication barriers prohibited the acknowledgment*

\_\_\_\_\_ *An emergency situation prevented us from obtaining  
acknowledgment*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Other (Please Specify)*

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