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## **Notice of Privacy Practices**

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and discloses and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT is required by law to maintain the privacy of your health care information and to provide you with a notice of Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT's privacy practices. While required to abide by the terms of the notice that is currently in effect, Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT reserves the right to change privacy practices at any time. If privacy practices change, Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT will provide you with a revised notice at your next visit follow the change.

## Use of you Health Care Information

Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT may use your information for:

- Treatment
- Payment
- Health Care Operations

For example:

- Your information may be used to develop a diagnosis and treatment plan, or to coordinate referrals to another health care provider
- Portions of your information may be submitted to your insurance carrier or other thirdparty payer to secure payment on your behalf
- Your information may be used in the course of health care operations, such as for quality assurance, evaluation, training, or audit activities

Business associates performing services on behalf of Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT related to treatment, payment, or health care operations may also have access to your information solely for the purpose of providing such services, provided that the business associate has agreed in writing to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT may disclose information without your authorization as permitted or required by applicable law, including any of the following: to comply with public health statures and rules; to make any required reports of abuse or neglect; to comply with health oversight activities by government agencies (for example, licensure); to comply with a court order, government subpoena, or other lawful process; for research purposes; in the event of your death, to a medical examiner; to avert a serious threat to health or safety; or for workers' compensation purposes.

Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT may use your information to contact you for appointment reminders, or to provide information about treatment alternatives or other health services. Except as described

above, Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT will not disclose your information, except with your written authorization. You may revoke your authorization at any time by giving written notice of revocation to Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT.

## **Your Rights**

You have the right to request restriction on the use and disclosure of your information. However, Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT is not required to agree to a requested restriction, and it is Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT's policy not to agree to such restrictions unless Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT determines, in Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT's sole discretion, that a compelling reason exists to do so.

You have the right to communications from Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT in a confidential manner.

You have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health care information that you have not authorized. To receive such an accounting, please contact Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT at the address given below.

You have the right to inspect and copy your information. You may be charged reasonable costs of copying your information, or of preparing any summaries that you request.

You have the right to amend your health care information. If you wish to do so, please submit the proposed amendment in writing to Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT at the address given below.

You have the right to a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.

You have the right to complain to Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated. To file a complaint, please contact Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT as set forth in this notice. Nobody is permitted to retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

For further information about Ellen Noble Heckerd, PT's privacy policies, please contact:

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