

Fran Ammons

Licensed Acupuncturist

Practices Regarding Disclosure of Patient Health Information

Your health information will be routinely used for treatment and insurance reporting, and your consent, or the opportunity to agree or object, is not required in these instances:

- **Treatment-** Information obtained by your practitioner by this office will be entered in your record and used to plan the course of treatment. Your health information may be shared with others involved in your care or providing consultation about treatment. Your practitioner's own expectations and those of others involved in your care may also be recorded.
- **Insurance-** You may receive a receipt from this office upon request, in order to file for insurance re-imbusement or for other record keeping. This receipt is written documentation that identifies you, your diagnosis and/or practitioner's impressions, and procedures performed.

In addition, the following disclosures are required by law and do not require your consent:

- **Food and drug Administration (FDA)-** This office is required by law to disclose health information to the FDA related to any adverse effects of food, supplements, products, and product defects for surveillance to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacements.
- **Worker's Compensation-** This office will release information to the extent authorized by law in matters of worker's compensation.
- **Public Health-** This office is required by law to disclose health information to public health and/or legal authorities charged with tracking reports of birth and morbidity. This office is further required by to report communicable disease, injury, or disability.
- **Law Enforcement-**(1) Your health information will be disclosed in response to a valid subpoena for law enforcement purposes, as required under state or federal law. (2) In the event that a staff member or business associate of this office believes in good faith that one or more patients, workers, or the general public are endangered due to suspected unlawful conduct of a practitioner or violations of professional or clinical standards, provisions of federal law permit the disclosure of health information to appropriate health agencies, public health authorities, or attorneys.

It is Fran Ammons' practice to consider the following as routine uses and disclosures for which specific authorization will not be requested. You have the right to request restrictions on these uses. Otherwise, the office will request your authorization whenever disclosure of personal health information is necessary to parties other than those referenced here.

- **Communications with family -** Using best judgment, a family member, close personal friend identified by you, personal representative, or other persons responsible with your care may be notified or given information about your care to assist them in enhancing your well-being or to confirm your whereabouts.

Patient signature _____ Date _____