

Consent to Use and Disclose Protected Health Information for Treatment, Payment, and Healthcare Operations

I understand that as part of my health care, The Wellness Place, P.C. originates and maintains electronic and/or paper records describing my health history, symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and any plans for future care or treatment. I understand that this information serves as:

- A basis for planning my care and treatment,
- A means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to my care,
- A source of information for applying my diagnosis and surgical information to my bill,
- A means by which a third-party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided, and
- A tool for routine healthcare operations such as assessing quality and reviewing the competence of healthcare professionals

I understand that I may request a **Notice of Health Information Practices** (that provides a more complete description of information uses and disclosures). I understand that I have the following rights and privileges:

- The right to review the notice prior to signing this consent, and
- The right to request restrictions as to how my health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations

I understand that The Wellness Place is not required to agree to the restrictions requested. I understand that I may revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent that the organization has already take action in reliance thereon. I also understand that by refusing to sign this consent or revoking this consent, this organization may refuse to treat me as permitted by Section 164.506 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I further understand that The Wellness Place reserves the right to change their notice and practices and prior to implementation, in accordance with Section 164.520 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Should The Wellness Place change their notice, they will send a copy of any revised notice to the address I've provided (whether U.S. mail or, if I agree, e-mail).

I wish to have the following **restrictions** to the use or disclosure of my protected health information **other than those listed in The Wellness Place's Privacy Policy**:

I understand that as part of this organization's treatment, payment, or health care operations, it may become necessary to disclose my protected health information to another entity, and I consent to such disclosure for these permitted uses, including disclosures via fax.

I fully understand and accept the terms of this Privacy Consent.

SIGNATURE of Patient or Patient's Legal Representative

Date Signed

PRINT NAME of Patient

Relationship of Legal Representative to Patient

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

[] Consent refused by patient, and treatment refused as permitted. Witnessed by _____ Date _____