

NOTICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES

Protecting the privacy of your personal health information is important to us. This notice describes how information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. **PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

Disclosure of your protected health information without authorization is strictly limited to defined situations that include emergency care, quality assurance activities, public health, research, and law enforcement activities. Any other disclosures for the purposes of treatment, payment, or practice operations will be made only after obtaining your consent. You may request restrictions on disclosures.

Disclosures of protected health information are limited to the minimum necessary for the purpose of the disclosure. This provision does not apply to the transfer of medical records for treatment.

You may inspect and receive copies of your records within 30 days of a request to do so. There may be a reasonable cost-based fee for photocopying, postage and preparation. You may request changes to your records. Our practice has the right to accept or deny your request. We maintain a history of protected health information disclosures that is accessible to you. In the future, we may contact you for appointment reminders, announcements, and to inform you about our practice and its staff.

It is the practice of this office to provide chiropractic care in an "open adjusting" environment. "Open adjusting" involves several patients being seen in the same adjusting room at the same time. Patients are within sight of one another and some ongoing routine details of care are discussed within earshot of other patients and staff. This environment is used for ongoing care and is NOT the environment used for taking patient histories, performing examinations or presenting reports of findings. These procedures are completed in a private, confidential setting. We are requesting this authorization of you due to various interpretations under federal law with respect to what is known as an "incidental disclosures" of health information. It is our view that the kinds of matters related in an "open adjusting" environment are incidental matters, in the event you or someone else would not agree with us we are providing this disclosure.

The use of this format is intended to make your experience with our office more efficient and productive as well as to enhance your access to quality health care and health information. If you choose not to be adjusted in an open-adjusting environment other arrangements will be made for you.

Our practice is required to abide by this notice. We have the right to change this notice in the future. Any revisions will be prominently displayed in a clearly visible location in our office. You may file a complaint about privacy violations by contacting our Privacy Officer.

Name (print) _____

Name (signature) _____

Date _____

The effective date of this Notice of Information Practices is July 26, 2004.

Pomeroy Chiropractic Wellness, P.A.