

**ABUNDANT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER**  
**ABUNDANT HEALTH THERMAL IMAGING**  
**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

**Abundant Health & Wellness** is required, by law, to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your protected health information and to provide our clients with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your protected health information.

**Disclosure of Your Health Care Information**

**Treatment**

We may disclose your health care information to other healthcare professionals within our office for the purpose of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. (example)

*"On occasion, it may be necessary to seek consultation regarding your condition from other health care providers associated with **Abundant Health & Wellness**."*

*"It is our policy to provide a substitute health care provider, authorized by **Abundant Health & Wellness** to provide assessment and/or therapies to our clients, without advanced notice, in the event of your primary practitioner's absence due to vacation, sickness, or other emergency situation."*

**Payment**

When you pay for your health care services, we will, as a courtesy, provide an itemized billing to you to submit to your insurance carrier for the purpose of reimbursement to you. The billing statement may contain medical information, such as date of injury or condition, and codes which describe the service received.

**Worker's Compensation**

We may disclose your health information as necessary to comply with State Worker's Compensation Laws.

**Emergencies**

We may disclose your health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, or another person responsible for your care about your condition or in the event of an emergency or of your death.

**Public Health**

As required by law, we may disclose your health information to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, reporting child abuse or neglect, reporting domestic violence, reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications, and reporting disease or infection exposure.

**Judicial and Administrative Proceedings**

We may disclose your health information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding.

**Law Enforcement**

We may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for purposes such as identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, complying with a court order or subpoena, and other law enforcement purposes.

**Deceased Persons**

We may disclose your health information to coroners or medical examiners.

**Organ Donation**

We may disclose your health information to organizations involved in procuring, banking, or transplanting organs and tissues.

**Research**

We may disclose your health information to researchers conducting research that has been approved by an Institutional Review Board.

**Public Safety**

It may be necessary to disclose your health information to appropriate persons in order to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a particular person or to the general public.

**Specialized Government Agencies**

We may disclose your health information for military, national security, prisoner and government benefits purposes.

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**Marketing**

We may contact you for marketing purposes or fundraising purposes, as described below: (example)

*"As a courtesy to our clients, it is our policy to call the phone number provided by you, the day prior to your scheduled appointment to remind you of your appointment time. If you are not available to answer our call, we will leave a reminder message on your voicemail, along with a request to call our office if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment."*

**Change of Ownership**

In the event that **Abundant Health & Wellness** is sold or merged with another organization, your health information/record will become the property of the new owner.

**Your Health Information Rights**

- You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information. Please be advised, however, that **Abundant Health & Wellness** is not required to agree to the restriction that you requested.
- You have the right to have your health information received or communicated through an alternative method or sent to an alternative location other than the usual method of communication delivery, upon your request.
- You have the right to inspect and copy your health information.
- You have the right to request that **Abundant Health & Wellness** amend your protected health information. Please be advised, however, that **Abundant Health & Wellness** is not required to agree to amend your protected health information. If your request to amend your health information has been denied, you will be provided with an explanation of our denial reason(s) and information about how you can disagree with the denial.
- You have the right to receive an "accounting of disclosures" of your protected health information made by **Abundant Health & Wellness**.
- You have the right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time upon request.

**Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices**

**Abundant Health & Wellness** reserves the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future, and will make the new provisions effective for all information that it maintains. Until such amendment is made, **Abundant Health & Wellness** is required by law to comply with this Notice.

**Abundant Health & Wellness** is required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with notice of its legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. If you have questions about any part of this notice or if you want more information about your privacy rights, please contact: Karin Nielsen by calling this office at (225) 229-6107. If Karin Nielsen is not available, you may make an appointment for a personal conference in person or by telephone within 2 working days.

**Complaints**

Complaints about your Privacy rights, or how **Abundant Health & Wellness** has handled your health information should be directed to Karin Nielsen by calling this office at (225) 229-6107. If Karin Nielsen is not available, you may make an appointment for a personal conference in person or by telephone within 2 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the manner in which this office handles your complaint, you may submit a formal complaint to:

DHHS, Office of Civil Rights  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 509F HHH Building  
Washington DC 20201

This notice is effective as of 11/01/2009.