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Podiatry – Foot Surgery

HIPAA Policy

According to the Federal Law called HIPAA (Healthcare Information Portability and Accountability Act), information about you for some purposes do not need special consent. These purposes are providing your medical care to other doctors or for billing your insurer. For example, a doctor may call another doctor about your medical problems and discuss your condition without special consent. We may contact your insurer about a claim for your care without special consent.

These are some disclosures of your private information that are required by law, such as reporting certain diseases to public health agencies, reporting victims of abuse, and disclosures for organ donation.

In general, other disclosures of private health information will be made only with your consent in writing and you have the right to revoke that consent.

You have the right to have restrictions on the use of disclosure of information about you for treatment, payment, or health care operations purposes. However, we are not required to agree with these restrictions and we may decide not to accept the responsibility for your care under these circumstances. In an emergency, you will always receive care before adjudicating these issues.

You have the right to inspect and receive a copy (for a fee) of your health information in this office. You have the right to request an amendment of your confidential information, but we have the right to deny that request in certain circumstances. All requests for information need to be made in writing to us.

In general, if there is a request for use of your health information and there is any question about the impact of HIPAA on that request, you will be asked for written consent for release of the information first. We proactively intend to follow the confidentiality law.

If you have a complaint about privacy of your medical records, or you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services. If you have any further questions about this letter, please contact our Privacy Officer, Jadira Becerra at (661) 940-8888. The effective date of this policy is April 14, 2003.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and understood the privacy practices for Dr. Steven E. Black, DPM. (A cope is available upon request)

Date _____

Signed _____

Print Name _____

If signed by a parent or guardian, please note the name of the patient
