

**Kaukauna Family Dentistry**  
**Dr. Curtis R. Hebdon, DDS, SC**  
**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.*

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA; "Act") of 1996, revised in 2013, requires us as your health care provider to maintain the privacy of your protected health information, to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information, and to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured protected health information. We are required to maintain these records of your health care and to maintain confidentiality of these records.

The Act also allows us to use your information for treatment, payment, and certain health operations unless otherwise prohibited by law and without your authorization.

- **Treatment:** We may disclose your protected health information to you and to our staff or to other healthcare providers in order to get you the care you need. This includes information that may go to the pharmacy to get your prescription filled, to a diagnostic center to assist with your diagnosis, or to the hospital should you need to be admitted. If necessary to ensure that you get this care, we may also discuss the minimum necessary with friends or family members involved in your care unless you request otherwise.
- **Payment:** We may send information to you or to your health plan in order to receive payment for the service or item we delivered. We may discuss the minimum necessary with friends or family members involved in your payment unless you request otherwise.
- **Health operations:** We are allowed to use or disclose your protected health information to train new health care workers, to evaluate the healthcare delivered, to improve our business development, or for other internal needs.
- We are required to disclose information required by law, such as public health regulations, health care oversight activities, certain law suits, and law enforcement.

Certain ways that your protected health information could be used disclosed require an authorization from you: disclosure of psychotherapy notes, use or disclosure of your information for marketing, disclosures or uses that constitute a sale of protected health information, and any uses or disclosures not described in this NPP. We cannot disclose your protected health information to your employer or to your school without your authorization unless required by law. You will receive a copy of your authorization and may revoke the authorization in writing. We will honor that revocation beginning the date we receive the written signed revocation.

You have several rights concerning your protected health information. When you wish to use one of these rights, please inform our office so that we may give you the correct form for documenting your request.

- You have the right to access your records and/or to receive a copy of your records, with the exception of psychotherapy notes. Your request must be in writing, and we must verify your identity before allowing the requested access. We are required to allow the access or provide the copy within 30 days of your request. We may provide the copy to you or to your designee in an electronic format acceptable to you or as a hard copy. We may charge you our cost for making and providing the copy. If your request is denied, you may request a review of this denial by a licensed health care provider.

*Patient copy*



- You have the right to request restrictions on how your protected health information is used for treatment, payment, and health operations. For example, you may request that a certain friend or family member not have access to this information. We are not required to agree to this request, but if we agree to your request, we are obligated to fulfill the request, except in an emergency where this restriction might interfere with your care. We may terminate these restrictions if necessary to fulfill treatment and payment.
- We are required to grant your request for restriction if the requested restriction applies only to information that would be submitted to a health plan for payment for a health care service or item for which you have paid in full out-of-pocket, and if the restriction is not otherwise forbidden by law. For example, we are required to submit information to federal health plans and managed care organizations even if you request a restriction. We must have your restriction documented prior to initiating the service. Some exceptions may apply, so ask for a form to request the restriction and to get additional information. We are not required to inform other covered entities of this request, but we are not allowed to use or disclose information that has been restricted to business associates that may disclose the information to the health plan.
- You may have the right to request confidential communications. For example, you may prefer that we call your cell phone number rather than your home phone. These requests must be in writing, may be revoked in writing, and must give us an effective means of communication for us comply. If the alternate means of communication incurs additional cost, that cost will be passed on to you.
- Your medical records are legal documents that provide crucial information regarding your care. You have the right to request an amendment to your medical records, but you must make this request in writing and understand that we are not required to grant this request.
- You have a right to an accounting of disclosures. This will tell you how we have used or disclosed your protected health information.
- You have the right to receive a copy of this notice, either electronic or paper or both.
- You have the right to opt out of fund raising communications.

If you have any questions about our privacy practices, or would like to file a complaint with us, please contact our Privacy Officer at the phone number below.

You have the right to file a complaint with us or with the Office for Civil Rights. We will not discriminate or retaliate in any way for this action. To file a complaint, please contact the applicable party:

**Privacy Officer: Curtis R. Hebdon, DDS, SC**

Phone number: 920-766-9542

Fax number: 920-759-4439

**Office for Civil Rights**

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/index.html>

*We are required to abide by the policies stated in this Notice of Privacy Practices, which became effective March 26, 2013.*



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**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I understand that under the *Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)*, I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information (PHI). I understand that this information can and will be used to:

- Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow-up among the multiple healthcare providers who may be involved in the treatment directly or indirectly
- Obtain payment from third-party payers
- Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physician certifications

I received, read and understand your *Notice of Privacy Practices* containing a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my PHI. I understand that this organization (Kaukauna Family Dentistry) has the right to change its *Notice of Privacy Practices* from time to time and that I may contact this organization at any time to obtain a copy of the current *Notice of Privacy Practices*.

**HIPAA AUTHORIZATION**

The notice above lists examples of who we may share your PHI (other doctors, insurance carriers, etc). In addition, you may authorize a family member or friend to whom we may disclose your protected health information (PHI); this may include appointment dates, recommended treatment, treatment performed, and/or account information.

**Names of person(s) authorized to receive your PHI:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Patient:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number;** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Initial*

**I give permission to my minor child's designated adult companion to sign a consent for treatment/anesthesia, including nitrous oxide (laughing gas) recommended by Dr. Hebdon, or a member of his staff if I am unable to be present for the day of treatment.**

I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization, in writing, at any time by providing notification to the Privacy Officer at Kaukauna Family Dentistry, 233 Dodge Street, Kaukauna, WI 54130.

I also understand that information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be disclosed by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal or state law. The use and disclosure requested under this authorization may result in direct or indirect remuneration to the physician from a third party.

**HIPAA Acknowledgement and Authorization for:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print patient name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient or Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PRACTICE USE ONLY**

*I have attempted to obtain the patient's signature in acknowledgement of the Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement but was unable to do so as documented below:*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Staff member*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Staff Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*