

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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

We understand the importance of privacy and are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your child(ren)'s medical information. We make a record of the medical care we provide and may receive such records from others. We use these records to provide or enable other health care providers to provide quality medical care, to obtain payment for services provided to your child(ren) as allowed by your health plan and to enable us to meet our professional and legal obligations to operate this medical practice properly. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information and to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. This notice describes how we may use and disclose your child(ren)'s medical information. It also describes your rights and our legal obligations with respect to your child(ren)'s medical information. If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact our Privacy Officer listed at the end of this notice.

A. How this Medical Practice May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

This medical practice collects health information about you and stores it in your medical record. The medical record is the property of this medical practice, but the information in the medical record belongs to you. The terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices apply to James A. Weidman, AMC's, James A. Weidman and West Hills Pediatrics' organized health care arrangement, operating as a clinically integrated health care arrangement, which is composed of Children's Hospital Los Angeles Health Network ("Network"), James A. Weidman, AMC's, James A. Weidman and West Hills Pediatrics, and other individual physician and group practice participants (collectively, the "Participants"). James A. Weidman, AMC, James A. Weidman and West Hills Pediatrics' and the other Participants in the organized health care arrangement are licensed health care professionals seeing and treating pediatric patients in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area / Southern California. As members of this clinically integrated and organized health care arrangement, James A. Weidman, AMC, James A. Weidman and West Hills Pediatrics and Participants may share your personal health and medical information as we deem necessary to perform treatment, payment, and health care operations to the extent permitted by law. The law permits us to use or disclose your health information for the following purposes:

Treatment: We use medical information about your child(ren) to provide their medical care. We disclose medical information to our employees and others who are involved in providing the care your child(ren) need. For example, we may share your child(ren)'s medical information with other physicians or other health care providers who will provide services which we do not provide. Or we may share this information with a pharmacist who needs it to dispense a prescription to your child(ren), or a laboratory that performs a test. We may also disclose medical information to members of your family or others who can help your child when he/she is sick or injured.

Payment: We use and disclose medical information about your child(ren) to obtain payment for the services we provide. For example, we give your child(ren)'s health plan the information it requires before it will pay us. We may also disclose information to other health care providers to assist them in obtaining payment for services they have provided to your child(ren). We may also disclose information to other Participants to assist us in obtaining increased payment for services we provide to your child(ren).

Health Care Operations: We may use and disclose medical information about your child(ren) to operate this medical practice. For example, we may use and disclose this information to review and improve the quality of care we provide, or the competence and qualifications of our professional staff. Or we may use and disclose this information to get your health plan to authorize services or referrals. We may also use and disclose this information as necessary for medical reviews, legal services and audits, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs and business planning and management. We may also share your child(ren)'s medical information with our "business associates", such as our billing service, that perform administrative services for us. We have a written contract with each of these business associates that contains terms requiring them to protect the confidentiality of your medical information. Although federal law does not protect health information which is disclosed to someone other than another healthcare provider, health plan or healthcare clearinghouse, under California law all recipients of health care information are prohibited from re-disclosing it except as specifically required or permitted by law. We may also share your information with other health care providers, health care clearinghouses or health plans that have a relationship with you or your child(ren), when they request this information to help them with their quality assessment and improvement activities, their efforts to improve health or reduce health care costs, their review of competence, qualifications and performance of health care professionals, their training programs, their accreditation, certification or licensing activities, or their health care fraud and abuse detection and compliance efforts. We may also share medical information about you with the other health care providers,

health care clearinghouses and health plans that participate with us in "organized health care arrangements" (OHCAs) for any of the OHCAs' health care operations. OHCAs include hospitals, physician organizations, health plans, and other entities which collectively provide health care services. A listing of the OHCAs we participate in is available from the Privacy Official.

Appointment Reminders: We may use and disclose medical information to contact and remind you about your child(ren)'s appointments. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or in a message left with the person answering the phone.

Sign in sheet: We may use and disclose medical information about your child(ren) by having you sign in when you arrive at our office. We may also call out your child(ren)'s name when we are ready to see you.

Notification and communication with family: We may disclose your child(ren)'s health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, your child(ren)'s personal representative or another person responsible for their care about your child's location, his/her general condition or in the event of your child's death. In the event of a disaster, we may disclose information to a relief organization so that they may coordinate these notification efforts. We may also disclose information to someone who is involved with your child(ren)'s care or helps pay for their care. If you are able and available to agree or object, we will give you the opportunity to object prior to making these disclosures, although we may disclose this information in a disaster even over your objection if we believe it is necessary to respond to the emergency circumstances. If you are unable or unavailable to agree or object, our health professionals will use their best judgment in communication with your family and others.

Marketing: We may contact you to give you information about products or services related to your child(ren)'s treatment, case management or care coordination, or to direct or recommend other treatments or health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to your child(ren), or to provide your child(ren) with small gifts. We may also encourage you to purchase a product or service when we see you. We will not otherwise use or disclose your medical information for marketing purposes without your written authorization.

Required by law: As required by law, we will use and disclose your child(ren)'s health information, but we will limit our use or disclosure to the relevant requirements of the law. When the law requires us to report abuse, neglect or domestic violence, or respond to judicial or administrative proceedings, or to law enforcement officials, we will further comply with the requirement set forth below concerning those activities.

Public health: We may, and are sometimes required by law to disclose your child(ren)'s health information to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting child, elder or dependent adult 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.

Health oversight activities: We may, and are sometimes required by law to disclose your child(ren)'s health information to health oversight agencies during the course of audits, investigations, inspections, licensure and other proceedings, subject to the limitations imposed by federal and California law.

Judicial and administrative proceedings: We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your child(ren)'s health information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding to the extent expressly authorized by a court or administrative order. We may also disclose information about your child(ren) in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process if reasonable efforts have been made to notify you of the request and you have not objected, or if your objections have been resolved by a court or administrative order.

Law enforcement: We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your child(ren)'s 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, warrant, grand jury subpoena and other law enforcement purposes.

Coroners: We may, and are often required by law, to disclose your child(ren)'s health information to coroners in connection with their investigations of deaths.

Organ or tissue donation: We may disclose your child(ren)'s health information to organizations involved in procuring, banking or transplanting organs and tissues.

Public safety: We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your child(ren)'s 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 the general public.

Specialized government functions: We may disclose your child(ren)'s health information for military or national security purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officers that have your child in their lawful custody.

Change of Ownership: In the event that this medical practice is sold or merged with another organization, your child(ren)'s health information/record will become the property of the new owner, although you will maintain the right to request that copies of your child(ren)'s health information be transferred to another physician or medical group.

B. When This Medical Practice May Not Use or Disclose Your Health Information

Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, West Hills Pediatrics, Dr. James A. Weidman and/or Dr. Lianne E. Beerman will not use or disclose health information which identifies your child(ren) without your written authorization. If you do authorize this medical practice to use or disclose your child(ren)'s health information for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time.

C. Patient Rights

Right to Request Special Privacy Protections: You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your child(ren)'s health information, by a written request specifying what information you want to limit and what limitations on our use or disclosure of that information you wish to have imposed. We reserve the right to accept or reject your request, and will notify you of our decision.

Right to Request Confidential Communications: You have the right to request that you receive your child(ren)'s health information in a specific way or at a specific location. For example, you may ask that we send information to a particular e-mail account or to your work address. We will comply with all reasonable requests submitted in writing which specify how or where you wish to receive these communications.

Right to Inspect and Copy: You have the right to inspect and copy your child(ren)'s health information, with limited exceptions. To access your child(ren)'s medical information, you must submit a written request detailing what information you want access to and whether you want to inspect it or get a copy of it. We may charge a reasonable fee, as allowed by California and federal law. We may deny your request under limited circumstances. If we deny your request to access your child's records because we believe allowing access would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the patient, you will have a right to appeal our decision.

Right to Amend or Supplement: You have a right to request that we amend your child(ren)'s health information that you believe is incorrect or incomplete. You

must make a request to amend in writing, and include the reasons you believe the information is inaccurate or incomplete. We are not required to change your child(ren)'s health information, and will provide you with information about this medical practice's denial and how you can disagree with the denial. We may deny your request if we do not have the information, if we did not create the information (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment), if you would not be permitted to inspect or copy the information at issue, or if the information is accurate and complete as is. You also have the right to request that we add to your record a statement of up to 250 words concerning any statement or item you believe to be incomplete or incorrect.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures: You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your child(ren)'s health information made by this medical practice, except that this medical practice does not have to account for the disclosures provided to you or pursuant to your written authorization, or as described herein regarding treatment, payment, healthcare operations, notification and communication with family and other physicians, and specialized government functions or disclosures for purposes of research or public health which exclude direct patient identifiers, or which are incident to a use or disclosure otherwise permitted or authorized by law, or the disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official to the extent this medical practice has received notice from that agency or official that providing this accounting would be reasonably likely to impede their activities.

Right to Alternative Communication: You have a right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices, even if you have previously requested its receipt by e-mail. If you would like to have a more detailed explanation of these rights or if you would like to exercise one or more of these rights, contact our Privacy Officer listed at end of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

D. Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

We reserve the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future. Until such amendment is made, we are required by law to comply with this Notice. After an amendment is made, the revised Notice of Privacy Protections will apply to all protected health information that we maintain, regardless of when it was created or received. We will keep a copy of the current notice posted in our reception area, and a copy will be available at each appointment. We will also post the current notice on our website at WestHillsPediatrics.com

E. Complaints

Complaints about this Notice of Privacy Practices or how West Hills Pediatrics handles your health information should be directed to our Privacy Officer listed at the end of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

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

Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Civil Rights
Hubert H. Humphrey Bldg.
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 509F HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201

You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

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