

## **Radiology and Imaging Specialists**

#### 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.

#### WHO WILL FOLLOW THIS NOTICE:

The Notice of Privacy Practices describes Radiology ad Imaging Specialists' practices and that of (a) any health care professional authorized to enter information into your medical record, (b) all departments and units of Radiology and Imaging Specialists (c) all contracted services, (d) all members of Radiology and Imaging Specialists' workforce, follow this notice.

### YOUR PROTECTION OF MEDICAL INFORMATION:

We understand that information about you and your health is personal. We are committed to protecting that medical information. We create a record of the care and services you receive to provide you with quality care and to comply with certain legal requirements. This notice applies to all the records of your care generated by Radiology and Imaging Specialists. Your personal physician may have different policies regarding his/her use and disclosure of medical information created in his/her office or clinic. This notice tells you about the ways in which we may use and disclose information about you. It also describes your rights and certain obligations we have regarding the use and disclosure of medical information. We are required by law to (1) make sure health related information that identifies you is kept private (2) give you this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to medical information about you, and (3) follow the terms of the notice that is currently in effect.

# THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED

<u>To Provide Treatment:</u> Radiology and Imaging Specialists may use your health information to coordinate care within Radiology and Imaging Specialists and with others involved in your care, such as your attending or consulting physician. For example, technologists involved in your care will need information about your symptoms in order to ensure that you do not have reactions to certain contrast materials. Radiology and Imaging Specialists also may disclose your health care information to individuals outside of Radiology and Imaging Specialists involved in your care including family members whom you have designated.

To Obtain Payment: Radiology and Imaging Specialists may include your health information in invoices to collect payment from third parties for the care you may receive from Radiology Imaging Specialists. For example, Radiology and Imaging Specialists may be required by your health insurer to provider information regarding your health care status so that the insurer will reimburse you or Radiology and Imaging Specialists. Radiology and Imaging Specialists also may need to obtain prior approval from your insurer and may need to explain to the insurer your need for Radiology and Imaging Specialists care and services that will be provided to you.

**To Conduct Health Care Operations:** Radiology and Imaging Specialists may use and disclose health care information for its own operations in order to facilitate the function of Radiology and Imaging Specialists and as necessary to provide quality care to all Radiology and Imaging Specialists' patients. Health care operations include such activities as:

Use your health information to contact you as a reminder regarding a visit to Radiology and Imaging Specialists.