



EYECENTER

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**Notice of Privacy Practices**

**Patient:**

Date of birth:

This Notice Describes How Health Information About You (As a Patient Of This Practice) May Be Used And Disclosed And How You Can Get Access To Your Individually Identifiable or Personal Health Information (PHI). This Information is required by the privacy regulations created as a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

**PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING NOTICE CAREFULLY**

**Our Commitment to your privacy:**

Our practice is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your individually identifiable health information. In conducting our business, we will create records regarding you and the treatment services we provide you. We are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of health information that identifies you. We also are required by law to provide you with this notice of our legal duties and the privacy practices that we maintain in our practice concerning your PHI (Personal Health Information). By federal and state law, we must follow the terms of the Notice of Privacy Practices that we have in effect at the time.

**Our practice must provide you with the following important information:**

- How we may use and disclose your PHI (Personal Health Information)
- Your privacy rights in your PHI
- Our obligations concerning the use and disclosure of your PHI

**We may use and disclose your PHI in the following ways:**

- **Treatment:** Our practice may use your PHI to treat you by providing, coordinating, or managing health care and related services by one or more health care providers. For example, we may request laboratory tests and use the results to reach a diagnosis. We might use your PHI in order to write a prescription and might disclose your PHI to a pharmacy and access your PHI from other pharmacies.
- **Payment:** Our practice may disclose your PHI in order to obtain reimbursement for services, confirming coverage, billing or collection activities, and utilization review. For example, we may contact your health insurer to clarify that you are eligible for benefits and we may provide your insurer with details regarding your treatment to determine if your insurer will cover your treatment.
- **Health Care Operations:** Our practice may use your PHI to operate our business, such as conducting quality assessments and improvement activities, auditing functions, cost-management analysis and customer service.
- **Appointment Reminders:** Our practice may use and disclose your PHI to contact you and remind you of an appointment.
- **Electronic Transmission:** Our practice may display the office name, address, and patient identifiable information on electronic transmission of insurance claims and statements.
- **Release of Information to Family/Friends:** Our practice may release your PHI to a friend or family member that is involved in your care, or who assists in taking care of you.

**Use and disclosure of your PHI in certain special circumstances:**

- For public health activities including reporting of certain communicable diseases.
- To authorities when we suspect abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.
- To health oversight agencies.
- For judicial and administrative proceedings pursuant to an administrative order.
- For law enforcement purposes.
- To avert a serious threat to your health and safety or that of others.
- For governmental purposes such as military service or for national security.
- In the event of an emergency or for disaster relief.
- For Worker's Compensation or similar programs as required by law.
- Inclusive of any other instance required by law.

**Your rights regarding your PHI:**

- **Confidential communications:** You have the right to request that our practice communicate with you about your health and related issues in a particular manner or at a certain location.
- **Requesting Restrictions:** You have the right to request a restriction in our use of disclosure of your PHI treatment, payment or health care operations.
- **Inspection of Copies:** You have the right to inspect and obtain copy of the PHI that may be used to make decisions about you, including patient medical records and billing records.
- **Amendment:** You may ask us to amend your health information if you believe it is incorrect or incomplete, and you may request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for our practice. To request an amendment, your request must be in writing providing a reason that supports your request.
- **Accounting of Disclosures:** All patients have the right to request an "accounting of disclosure" consisting of a list of certain non-routine disclosures our practice has made of you PHI for purposes not related to treatment, payment or operations. For example, the provider sharing information with the medical assistant, or the billing department using information to file your insurance claim.
- **Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice:** You are entitled to receive a paper copy of our notice of privacy practices.
- **Right to File a Complaint:** If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a written complaint with our office, or with the Department of Health and Human Services, or the Office of Civil Rights.
- **Right to Provide an Authorization for Other Uses and Disclosures:** Our practice will obtain written authorizations for uses and disclosures that are by this notice permitted by applicable law.

**Our practice is required to abide by the terms of the Notice of Privacy Practices currently in effect. We reserve the right to change terms of our Notice of Privacy practices and to make the new provisions effective for all protected health information that we maintain.**

For more information about HIPAA or if you have any questions about this Notice, please contact:  
Eyecenter, PA  
Attn: Dianne Harris  
844 Shoshone St East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Phone: 208-734-9800

**Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices Written Acknowledgement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed a copy of Eyecenter, PA's Notice of Privacy Practices.

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**Signature of Patient/Guardian**

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

**Authorization to Release Information**

Please provide us with the names of any person or persons we are allowed to share your medical information with, otherwise we MAY NOT do so even with a spouse or relative without this authorization.

I hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to receive any information concerning my medical condition or treatment at Eyecenter, PA.

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**Patient's Signature**

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

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**Patient's Printed Name**