

**HOUSTON EYE ASSOCIATES
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

1. **THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.** The notice is provided in two layers: This layer briefly summarizes how we handle your health information, and the attached bottom layer provides further details of our privacy policies and procedures.
2. **How we may use and disclose your health information.** We use health information about you for treatment, to get paid for treatment, for administrative purposes, and to evaluate the quality of care that you receive. For example, your health information may be shared with other providers to whom you are referred. Information may be shared by paper, mail, electronic mail, fax, or other methods. We may use or disclose your health information without your authorization for several reasons. If you sign an authorization to disclose information, you can later revoke it to stop any future disclosures.
3. **Your rights.** In most cases, you have the right to look at or get a copy of your health information that we use to make decisions about you. You may request that we limit disclosure to family members, other relatives, caregivers, or close personal friends who may or may not be involved in your care. If you request copies, we may charge you a cost-based fee. You also have the right to request a list of certain types of disclosures of your information that we have made. If you believe that your health information is incorrect or information is missing, you have the right to request that we correct the existing information or add the missing information.
4. **Our legal duty.** We are required by law to protect the privacy of your health information, provide this notice about our privacy practices, follow the privacy practices that are described in this notice, and seek your acknowledgement of receipt of this notice. We may change our privacy policies any time. Before we make a significant change in our policies, we will change our notice. The notice will be prominently displayed at all HEA locations and on our website. You can also request a copy of our notice at any time. For more information about our privacy policies, contact our privacy officer.
5. **Privacy complaints.** If you are concerned that we have violated your privacy rights, our privacy policies, or if you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information, you may contact our privacy officer. You may send a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Our privacy officer can provide you with the appropriate address upon request.

If you have any questions or complaints, please contact: Houston Eye Associates, Privacy Officer, 2855 Gramercy Street, Houston, Texas 77025. Phone number: (713) 558-8755.

Acknowledgement of receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices: Please sign and print your name and provide the date below to acknowledge that you have received the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____