

**MANHATTAN DENTAL ASSOCIATES, LLP.**

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW DENTAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

In the course of your care as a patient at Manhattan Dental Associates we may use or disclose personal and health related information about you in the following ways:

Your protected health information, including your clinical records may be disclosed to another health provider if it is necessary to refer you for further diagnosis, assessment or treatment.

Your dental care records as well as your billing records may be disclosed to another party, such as an insurance carrier, an HMO, a PPO, or your employer, if they are responsible for the payment of services provided to you.

Your name, address, phone number and your dental care records may be used to contact you regarding appointment reminders, information about alternatives to your present care or other health related information that may be of interest to you.

You have a right to request restrictions on our use of protected health information for treatment, payment and operations purposes. Such requests are not automatic and require the agreement of this office.

If you are not at home or at work to receive and appointment reminder or other related information, a message may be left on your answering machine, voice mail, or with a person in your household or workplace. You have the right to confidential communications and to request restrictions relative to such contacts. You also have the right to be contacted by alternative means or at alternative locations.

We are permitted and may be required to use or disclose your health information without your authorization in the following circumstances:

If we provide health care services in an emergency.

If we are required by law to provide care to you and are unable to obtain your consent attempting to do so.

If there are substantial barriers to communicating with you, but in our professional judgment we believe that you intend for us to provide care.

If we are ordered by the courts or another appropriate agency.

You have a right to receive an accounting of any such disclosures made by this office.

Any disclosure of your protected health information, other than as outlined above, will only be made upon written authorization. If you provide an authorization for release of information you have the right to revoke authorization at a later date. Information that we use or disclose based on this privacy notice may be subject to re-disclosure by the person to whom we provide information and may no longer be protected by the federal privacy rules.

We normally provide information about your health at the time you receive dental care from us. We may also mail information to you regarding your health care or about the status of your account. If you would like to receive this information at an address other than your home or, if you would like the information in a specific form please advise us in writing as to your preferences.

You have the right to inspect and/or copy your health information for as long as the information remains in our files. In addition you have the right to request an amendment to your health information. Requests to inspect, copy or amend your health related information should be provided to us in writing.

We are required by state and federal law to maintain privacy of your patient file and the health protected health information therein.. We are also required to provide you with this notice of our privacy practices with respect to your health information. We are also required by law to abide by the terms of this notice while it is in effect.

We reserve the right to alter or amend the terms of this privacy notice. If changes are made to our privacy notice we will notify you in writing as soon as possible following the changes. Any change in our privacy notice will apply for all of your health information in our files.

If you have a complaint regarding our privacy notice, our privacy practices or any aspect of our privacy activities, you should direct your complaint to:

If you would like further information about our privacy policies and practices please contact:

**Manhattan Dental Associates  
2 West 45th Street, Suite 1008  
New York, NY 10036  
(212)944-2836**

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. If you choose to lodge a complaint with this office or with the Secretary, your care will continue and this office or our staff in any manner whatsoever will not disadvantage you. This notice is effective April 15, 2003. This notice, and any alterations or amendments made hereto will expire seven years after the date upon which the record was created. My signature acknowledges that I have received a copy of this notice.

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Name (printed please)