## **Notice of Privacy Practices**

Federal & State laws require Paradise Valley Smiles to maintain the privacy of all patient healthcare information. Furthermore, we are required by law to provide all parents or legal guardians with this notice reviewing our privacy practices, our legal obligations and your rights in regard to your child's healthcare information. Paradise Valley Smiles must follow the privacy practices as described within this notice while this policy is in effect. This notice takes effect on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and will remain in effect until replaced, amended, or eliminated.

Paradise Valley Smiles reserves the right to change these privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time provided such applicable laws permit such changes. We reserve the right to make any needed changes to our privacy practices and these new terms will be effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we create or receive before such made changes. Before we make any significant changes to our privacy practices, we will change this notice and make new notice available upon request.

Parent or legal guardians may request a copy of this notice, at any time. For additional information about our privacy practices or to review our company's Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) Manual, please contact our office at any time.

#### **USES & DISCLOSURES OF HEALTHCARE INFORMATION**

Paradise Valley Smiles will use and disclose patient healthcare information during your treatment, while obtaining payment from insurance companies and during general healthcare operations. For example:

*Treatment.* Paradise Valley Smiles may use your health information during direct treatment or by disclosing such information to other dentists, physicians or healthcare providers who may provide specialized treatment for you.

**Payment.** We may also use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services rendered. We may disclose your healthcare information to another healthcare provider or entity that is also subject to these same federal & state privacy rules and regulations for payment activities.

Healthcare Operations. We may use and disclose your healthcare information during our routine healthcare operations. Healthcare operations may include quality assessments and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluation practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, and certification, licensing, or credentialing activities. We may disclose your healthcare information to another healthcare provider or organization that is subject to the same federal & state privacy rules and regulations and that has a relationship with you during the support of healthcare operations. We may disclose your information to help such organizations conduct quality assessment and improvement activities, review the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, or detect or prevent healthcare fraud or abuse.

**On Your Authorization.** You may give Paradise Valley Smiles written authorization to use your healthcare information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any issues or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your healthcare information for any reason except those described within this notice.

**To Your Family & Friends.** We may disclose your health information to a family member, friend, or other person to the extent necessary to help with your healthcare or with payment for previously performed healthcare services. Before we disclose your health to these people, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to our use or disclosure. If you are not present, or in the event you are incapacitated and cannot make a decision for yourself, or in the event of an emergency, we will disclose your medical information based on our professional judgment of practices to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical/dental supplies, radiographs or other similar forms including health information. We may also use or disclose information about you to notify or assist in notifying a person involved in his/her care.

Appointment Reminders. Paradise Valley Smiles may use or disclose your healthcare information to provide you and your family with appointment reminders. (Such as: telephone calls, voice messages, postcards, or letters)

**Disaster Relief.** We may use or disclose your healthcare information, as authorized by federal or state law for the following purposes deemed to be in the public's best interest or benefit:

• As required by law

• For public health activities, including disease and vital statistic reporting, reporting child abuse or neglect, FDA oversight and to employer's regarding work-related illness or injury.

- To health oversight agencies
- In response to court and administrative orders and lawful processes
- To law enforcement officials pursuant to subpoena and other lawful processes, concerning crime victims, suspicious deaths,

crimes on our premises, reporting crimes in emergencies and for purposes of identifying or locating a suspect or other persons.

- To coroners, medical examiners and funeral directors
- To an organ procurement organization
- To avert serious threat to health or safety
- In connection with certain research activities
- To the military and to federal officials for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence and national security activities
- To correctional institutions regarding inmates
- As authorized by state worker's compensation laws

#### PATIENT or PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN RIGHTS

*Access.* You have the right to look at or receive a copy of your health information, with limited expectations. You may request that we provide a copy in format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practically do so. You must make all requests in writing to obtain access to your child's healthcare information. You may request access by sending us a letter. If you request a copy, we will charge you a reasonable fee, which may include labor, copying costs and postage. If you request an alternative format, we will charge a cost-based fee for providing your health information in that format. If you prefer, we may, but are not required to, prepare a summary or an explanation of your health information for a fee.

*Disclosure Accounting.* You have the right to receive a list of instances in which Paradise Valley Smiles or any business associates disclosed your

health information over the past year (but not prior to June 24th 2010). That list will not include disclosures for treatment, payment, healthcare operations, as authorized by you and certain activities. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12 month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

**Restriction.** You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on the use or disclosure of your healthcare information. We are not required to agree with such additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in the event of an emergency). Any agreement we make to a request for additional restrictions must be in writing and signed by our privacy officer. Your request is not binding unless our agreement is in writing.

*Alternative Communication.* You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by an alternative means or at an alternative location. You must make your request in writing. You must specify in your request the alternative means or location and satisfactory explanation how you will handle payment under the alternative means or location you request.

**Amendment.** You have the right to request that we amend your healthcare information. Your request must be in writing and should explain why you are requesting this amendment. We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

#### **QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS**

If you need additional information regarding our office's Privacy Practices & Regulations or have specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. Furthermore, if you believe that:

- We may have violated your privacy rights
- We made a decision about access to your health information incorrectly
- Our response to a previous request to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your information was incorrect
- We should communicate with you by alternative means or an alternative location

You may submit a written complaint with our privacy officer or directly to the US Department of Health & Human Services. We will provide you with these addresses to file your complaint, upon request. We support your right to the privacy of your child's health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or the US Department of Health & Human Services.

I understand the contents of the previous notice concerning the privacy of my confidential healthcare information. I do hereby provide consent for the standard use of such information and understand that these provisions prohibit Paradise Valley Smiles from selling or transferring this information to any unauthorized locations without my prior approval. I have reviewed this information and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE & DISCUSS DENTAL INFORMATION FORM**

The HIPPA privacy law requires that we are only authorized to communicate with patients themselves, insurance providers and primary care doctors, unless we have authorization in writing by the patient to communicate with others on their behalf. Please provide all family members or friends you want us to be able to speak with. Spouses are not automatically included; their names must be explicitly stated below.

#### Authorization to Speak with Family/Friend (including spouses)

I give the following named person(s) authorization to take messages or speak with the office of Paradise Valley Smiles on my behalf regarding (please check all items authorized):

Name of Authorized	d person:		Relationship:			
Phone Number:						
Appointments	Financial	Dental Treatment	Insurance	Other		
Name of Authorized	d person:		Relationship:			
Phone Number:						
Appointments	Financial	Dental Treatment	Insurance	Other		

I understand my express consent is required to release my health care information. With my signature below, I acknowledge and understand that this information will be kept in my medical record, and the above parameters will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. It is my responsibility to notify my healthcare provider(s) should I wish to change one or more contacts listed below.

Print Name:	Date of Birth:
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Patient Signature:	 Date:

# **Medical History**

Name	Date					
Are you under physician's care now? Yes No If yes, please explain						
Have you been hospitalized or had a maj	jor operation? Yes No If yes, please explain					
Are you taking any medications? Yes No	o If yes, please list					
Taking contrace         Are you allergic to any of the following?         Aspirin       Penicillin	to get pregnant Nursing ptives? Nursing	Local Anesthetics				
Other						
Anemia Arthritis, Rheumatism Artificial Heart Valves Artificial Joints Asthma Back Problems Blood Disease	e following? Glaucoma Headaches Heart Murmur Heart Problems Hemophilia/Abnormal Bleeding Herpes Hepatitis High Blood Pressure Jaw Pain Jaw Pain 	Shingles Shortness of Breath Skin Rash Spinal Bifida Stroke Surgical Implant Swelling of Feet/Ankles Thyroid Disease Tobacco Habit Ulcer/Colitis Ulcer/Colitis Venereal Disease				
Has there been any changes in your health since your last dental appointment? Yes/No						
For what conditions?						
Are you taking any new medications? Yes/No						
Patient's Signature	Date					

### **Dental Practice Policies**

Welcome to our dental office. We appreciate the opportunity to assist you with your dental care needs. Our goal is to provide you and your family with the best dental care available at an affordable cost and in an efficient and professional manner. We can only accomplish this goal with your help. With this in mind, we have listed our office policies below for your review.

Should you be unable to make your scheduled appointment we request that you notify the office at least 24 hours in advance. We will make every effort to confirm your appointment with you; however, it is your responsibility to keep that appointment. A broken appointment fee of \$100 Monday-Friday and \$125 for Saturday may be billed to your account if you fail to notify the office within the time frame specified.

Payment is due at the time of service. We accept cash, money orders, debit cards and all major credit cards as payment. For your convenience, we accept most dental insurances. As a courtesy, we will be happy to file your dental insurance claim to your insurance company on your behalf. Insurance claims that are not paid within 60 days become the sole responsibility of the patient. If the balance on your account becomes more than 90 days past due, your account will be transferred to a collection agency and a fee of 35% of the balance will be added to your account.

We try very hard to adhere to a schedule. If you are more than 15 minutes late, we may have to reschedule your appointment. Sometimes an emergency will occur that will make us run behind. We do respect your time and will make every effort to stay as close to your appointment time as possible. We thank you for choosing our dental family and look forward to a long relationship with you.

Please understand that dentistry is **not** an exact science and therefore reputable practitioners cannot properly guarantee results. No guarantee or assurance has been made by anyone regarding dental treatment that you have requested or authorized. Each dentist is an individual practitioner and is individually and solely responsible for the dental care rendered.

Your original records belong to the office. You may request copies for you or others. We will provide them within five business days upon receiving a written request from you. There will be a fee to duplicate your chart.

The patient and dentist (including their corporations, representatives, staff, agents, parents, guardians, children and all related individuals and entities) agree that all litigation events that occurred in the dental office will be determined through submission to an arbitrator, and NOT by a lawsuit or other legal proceeding filed in a federal, state, county or municipal court. By signing this Arbitration Agreement, the parties waive and forfeit their constitutional, statutory or common law rights for a judge or jury to decide any legal questions or disputes, and instead accept the sole use of a private arbitrator. This Arbitration Agreement covers all disputes as to dental treatment, financial matters or any other events that occurred in the dental office whether in tort (intentional or neglect), contract, statute, common law or otherwise, and including without limitation all actions relating to dental negligence, return of fees, loss of consortium, wrongful death, discrimination, emotional distress or punitive damages. The arbitration shall bind all parties, including without limitation any spouse or heirs, and will NOT be subject to court review. Either party may initiate arbitration by serving on the other a written "Demand for Arbitration" form by certified mail. No other form of service will be acceptable. The Demand for Arbitration must identify all parties, include their contact information, describe the claims against each party, and state the amount of damages sought. Either party then may continue the proceedings by contacting the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"). A single AAA arbitrator, mutually selected by the parties, will conduct the arbitration. All proceedings will be resolved using the AAA rules. Arizona law will apply. If any provision of this Arbitration Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Witness Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

## **Patient Information**

Title: First Name:	Mid:	Last:		
Preferred Name:	Marital Status:			
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Patient Social Security #	Patient Dat	e of Birth:	_ Sex: M F	
Email Address:		May we contact you by emai	il? Yes No	
Emergency Contact: Phone:				
How did you hear about our office? *If patient is under the age of 18, Parent Parent/Guardian Name Date of Birth:	or Guardian please fill out below	v:		
Insurance Information Do you have Dental Insurance? Yes	,			
Primary Insurance		Secondary Insurance		
Subscriber Name:	Sub	oscriber Name		
Subscriber SSN:	Sul	oscriber SSN:		
Date of Birth:	Da	te of Birth:		

Relationship to Subscriber:

**Please Print** 

Self	Spouse	Child	Other	Self	Spouse	Child	Other	
Employer Na	me:			Employer Na	me:			
Employer Phone:			Employer Ph	Employer Phone #				
Insurance Company:			Insurance Co	Insurance Company:				
Insurance Group #			Insurance Gr	Insurance Group #				
Insurance Phone #			Insurance Ph	Insurance Phone #				
Insurance Ad	dress:			Insurance Ad	dress:			

Relationship to Subscriber:

\*Please present insurance card and Drivers License\*

	To better serve	you, please take a minute	to answer the following o	uestions	
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	e check any of the followin	ng problems that apply to you:			
0	Sensitivity (hot, cold or	sweet) If so, which teeth?	-		
0	neadaches, earaches, n	eck pain			
<ul> <li>Headaches, earaches, neck pain</li></ul>					
0	Contraction of the second seco				
0	Brannend at the				
0	search subbers or summing	teeth			
0	Bad breath				
Who	was your previous dentist?				
	Name				
	Last cleaning	Last x-rays			
Do yo	u have or have you ever ex	perienced pain/discomfort in you	r jaw joint (TMJ/TMD) Yes/No		
Have	ou ever had Botox/Botuli	num toxin or Dermal fillers? Yes/N			
	If no, would you be intere	ested in discussing improving your	o	1.000 0.00 0.0	
	in ho, notice you be meet	sted in discussing improving your	sinile with Botox/Botulinum or D	ermal Fillers? Yes/No	
Do you	have sleep apnea? Yes/N	o If yes, have you had a sleep stu	dy in the last 5 years? Yes/No		
	Have you ever worn a CF	AP res/No			
Dovo	I shore? Ves/No Dour	our gums ever bleed? Yes/No			
Hown	any times a day do you by	ur gunis ever bleedr res/No			
110 11	iany cines a day uo you br	ush? How	many times do you floss?		
Do you	like your smile? Yes/No E	xplain			
If you o	could change your smile, w	ould you:			
0	Make your teeth whiter				
	Make your teeth straight				
0	Close spaces between te	eth			
0	Replace silver/mercury fi	llings			
0	Repair chipped teeth				
0	Repair missing teeth				
0	Replace old crown that d	on't match			
0	Have a smile makeover				
0	Smooth out wrinkles arou	and my lips and mouth			
0	Have a less 'gummy' smil				
What is	the most important thing	to you about your dental visit tod	ay?		

When you think of cosmetic dentistry, you may not think about Botox/Botulinum and dermal fillers. But the truth is the appearance of your mouth and smile has a lot to do with how attractive you look and feel. Our doctors have the skill and know-how to use Botox/Botulinum and dermal fillers to enhance your lips, smooth lip lines, and eliminate wrinkles around the mouth to create a more beautiful and youthful appearance. We can offer these services during routine dental appointments in a completely painless manner with more training and knowledge in oral and oral-facial areas than any other health care professional. Let our staff know if you are interested in discussing Botox/Botulinum and dermal fillers with our doctors.