

# HEALTH CARE AUTHORIZATION FORM

I have been provided with a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information. The Notice of Privacy Practices describes the types of uses and disclosures of my Protected Health Information (PHI) that will occur in my treatment, payment of my bills or in the performance of health care operations of this chiropractic office. A copy of our notice is attached and we encourage you to read it and request your own copy if you would like one.

This Notice of Privacy Practices also describes my rights and duties of the Chiropractor with respect to my protected health information. I hereby give permission to Complete Care Chiropractic (CCC) to use and/or disclose Protected Health Information in accordance with the following:

## **SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS:**

- I give permission to CCC to use my address, phone number and clinical records to contact me with appointment reminders, missed appointment notification, birthday cards, holiday related cards, newsletters, information about treatment alternatives or other health related information.
- If CCC contacts me by phone, I give them permission to leave a phone message on my answering machine or voice mail.
- I give permission to CCC to use my name on a welcome board, referral board, and birthday board.
- I give permission to CCC to use my photograph on their patient picture bulletin board and other marketing materials such as their brochure, website and ads in print media.
- I give permission to CCC to use any testimonial written by me for marketing purposes such as, sharing with other patients or potential patients, in their brochure, on their website or in ads in print media.
- I give CCC permission to treat me in an open room where other patients are also being treated. I am aware that other persons in the office may overhear some of my protected health information during the course of care. Should I need to speak with doctor at any time in private, the doctor will provide a room for these conversations.
- By signing this form you are giving Complete Care Chiropractic permission to use and disclose your protected health information in accordance with the directives listed above.

The use of this format is intended to make your experience with our office more efficient and productive as well as to enhance your access to quality health care and health information. This authorization will remain in effect for the duration of my care at Complete Care Chiropractic plus 7 years or until revoked by me.



## **RIGHT TO REVOKE AUTHORIZATION:**

You have the right to revoke this AUTHORIZATION, in writing, at any time. However, your written request to revoke this AUTHORIZATION is not effective to the extent that we have provided services or taken action in reliance on your authorization.

You may revoke this AUTHORIZATION by mailing or hand delivering a written notice to the Privacy Official of CCC. The written notice must contain the following information:

Your name, Social Security number and date of birth; A clear statement of your intent to revoke this AUTHORIZATION; The date of your request; and Your signature.

The revocation is not effective until it is received by the Privacy Official.

This AUTHORIZATION is requested by CCC for its own use/disclosure of PHI. (*Minimum necessary standards apply.*)

I have the right to refuse to sign this AUTHORIZATION. If I refuse to sign this AUTHORIZATION, CCC will not refuse to provide treatment however, it will not be possible for CCC to file third party billing on my behalf and I will be responsible for 1)payment in full at the time services are provided to me 2) scheduling my own appointments since CCC will be unable to contact me 3) all contact with CCC regarding my care. *Additionally, any collection activity as permitted by law is not waived by refusal to sign the authorization.* 

I have the right to inspect or copy, within boundaries, the protected health information to be used/disclosed. A reasonable fee for copying will apply. A copy of the signed authorization will be provided to me.

## HEALTHCARE AUTHORIZATION

<u>I have read and understand this Healthcare Authorization Form and acknowledge receipt of The</u> <u>Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information.</u> My signature below represents agreement with these practices.

SSN:	DOB:	
Patient's name (please print):		
Patient's Signature:		
Today's Date:		

# Name of Personal Representative (if someone is designated to act on your behalf/or for a minor)

Parent or Personal Representative name (please print):\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Description of Representative's Authority to Act on Patient's Behalf:



#### Complete Care Chiropractic 1280 Centaur Village Drive Ste. 8 Lafayette, CO 80026

### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES FOR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

#### 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.

#### **Our Legal Duty**

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information and to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your protected health information. We must abide by the terms of this Notice while it is in effect. However, we reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all of the protected health information that we maintain. If we make a change in the terms of this Notice, we will notify you in writing and provide you with a paper copy of the new Notice, upon request.

#### Uses and Disclosures

There are a number of situations in which we may use or disclose to other persons or entities your confidential health information. Certain uses and disclosures will require you to sign an acknowledgement that you received this Notice of Privacy Practices. These include treatment, payment, and health care operations. Any use or disclosure of your protected health information required for anything other than treatment, payment or health care operations requires you to sign an Authorization. Certain disclosures that are required by law, or under emergency circumstances, may be made without your Acknowledgement or Authorization. Under any circumstance, we will use or disclose only the minimum amount of information necessary from your medical records to accomplish the intended purpose of the disclosure.

We will attempt in good faith to obtain your signed Acknowledgement that you received this Notice to use and disclose your confidential medical information for the following purposes. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive, but to describe the types of uses and disclosures that may be made by our office once you have provided Consent.

Treatment. Example: We may use your health information within our office to provide health care services to you or we may disclose your health information to another provider if it is necessary to refer you to them for services.

Payment. Example: We may disclose your health information to a third party such as an insurance carrier, an HMO, a PPO, or your employer, in order to obtain payment for services provided to you.

Health Care Operations. Example: We may use your health information to conduct internal quality assessment and improvement activities and for business management and general administrative activities.

Appointment Reminders. Example: Your name, address and phone number and health care records may be used to contact you regarding appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards or letters), information about alternatives to your present care, or other health related information that may be of interest to you.

There are certain circumstances under which we may use or disclose your health information without first obtaining your Acknowledgement or Authorization:



Those circumstances generally involve public health and oversight activities, law-enforcement activities, judicial and administrative proceedings, and in the event of death. Specifically, we may be required to report to certain agencies information concerning certain communicable diseases, sexually transmitted diseases or HIV/AIDS status. We may also be required to report instances of suspected or documented abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We are required to report to appropriate agencies and law-enforcement officials information that you or another person is in immediate threat of danger to health or safety as a result of violent activity. We must also provide health information when ordered by a court of law to do so. We may contact you from time to time to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. You should be aware that we utilize an "open adjusting room" in which several people may be adjusted at the same time and in close proximity. We will try to speak quietly to you in a manner reasonably calculated to avoid disclosing your health information to others; however, complete privacy may not be possible in this setting. If you would prefer to be adjusted in a private room, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

Others Involved in Your Healthcare: Unless you object, we may disclose to a member of your family, a relative, a close friend or any other person you identify, your protected health information that directly relates to that person's involvement in your health care. If you are unable to agree or object to such a disclosure, we may disclose such information as necessary if we determine that it is in your best interest based on our professional judgment. We may use or disclose protected health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, personal representative or any other person that is responsible for your care of your location, general condition or death. Finally, we may use or disclose your protected health information to an authorized public or private entity to assist in disaster relief efforts and to coordinate uses and disclosures to family or other individuals involved in your healthcare.

Communication Barriers and Emergencies: We may use and disclose your protected health information if we attempt to obtain consent

from you but are unable to do so because of substantial communication barriers and we determine, using professional judgment, that you

intend to consent to use or disclosure under the circumstances. We may use or disclose your protected health information in an emergency treatment situation. If this happens, we will try to obtain your consent as soon as reasonably practicable after the delivery of treatment. If we are required by law or as a matter of necessity to treat you, and we have attempted to obtain your consent but have been unable to obtain your consent, we may still use or disclose your protected health information to treat you.

EXCEPT AS INDICATED ABOVE, YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION WILL NOT BE USED OR DISCLOSED TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITHOUT YOUR SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION, WHICH MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME. In particular, except to the extent disclosure has been made to governmental entities required by law to maintain the confidentiality of the information, information will not be further disclosed to any other person or entity with respect to information concerning mental-health treatment, drug and alcohol abuse, HIV/AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases that may be contained in your health records. We likewise will not disclose your health-record information to an employer for purposes of making employment decisions, to a liability insurer or attorney as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, or to educational authorities, without your written authorization.

#### **Patient Rights**

Right to Request Restrictions. You may request that we restrict the uses and disclosures of your health record information for treatment, payment and operations, or restrictions involving your care or payment related to that care. We are not required to agree to the restriction; however, if we agree, we will comply with it, except with regard to emergencies, disclosure of the information to you, or if we are otherwise



required by law to make a full disclosure without restriction. Your request must be made in writing to our Privacy Official.

Right to Receive Confidential Communications. You have a right to request receipt of confidential communications of your medical information by an alternative means or at an alternative location. If you require such an accommodation, you may be charged a fee for the accommodation and will be required to specify the alternative address or method of contact and how payment will be handled. Your request to receive confidential communications must be made in writing to our Privacy Official.

Right to Inspect and/or Copy. You have the right to inspect, copy and request amendments to your health records. Access to your health records will not include psychotherapy notes contained in them, or information compiled in anticipation of or for use in a civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which your access is restricted by law. We will charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of your health records, or a summary of those records, at your request, which includes the cost of copying, postage, and preparation or an explanation or summary of the information. Your request to inspect and/or copy your health information must be made in writing to our Privacy Official.

Right to Amend. You have the right to request that we amend certain health information for as long as that information remains in your record. Your request to amend your health information must be made in writing to our Privacy Official and you must provide a reason to support the requested amendment.

Right to Receive an Accounting. You have the right to inspect, copy and request amendments to you health records. Access to your health records will not include psychotherapy notes contained in them, or information compiled in anticipation of or for use in a civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which your access is restricted by law. We will charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of your health records, or a summary of those records, at your request, which includes the cost of copying, postage, and preparation or an explanation or summary of the information. Your request to receive an accounting must be made in writing to our Privacy Official.

Right to Receive Notice. You have the right to receive a paper copy of this Notice, upon request.

#### Complaints

You may file a written complaint to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe that your privacy rights with respect to confidential information in your health records have been violated. All complaints must be in writing and must be addressed to the Privacy Officer (in the case of complaints to us) or to the person designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if we cannot resolve your concerns. You will not be retaliated against for filing such a complaint.

All questions concerning this Notice or requests made pursuant to it should be addressed to: Privacy Officer, Complete Care Chiropractic 1280 Centaur Village Dr. Ste. 8, Lafayette CO 80026.

I do hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices, Policies, and Procedures.

Patient Name	Patient Signature	Date
Name of Personal Representative	Date	Signature of Personal Representative
Legal Auth	ority of Personal Re	presentative



## Complete Care Chiropractic 1280 Centaur Village Dr. Ste. 8 Lafayette, CO 80026 www.26vertebrae.com 303-926-1575

#### Terms of Acceptance / Informed Consent Form

Cervical X-rays (3) \$180
Thoracic X-rays (2) \$158
Lumbar X-rays (2) \$158
ncluded in Initial Exam Fee if taken on 1 <sup>st</sup>

When a patient seeks chiropractic health care and we accept a patient for such care, it is essential for both to be working towards the same objective. Every type of health care is associated with some risks, including chiropractic care.

HEALTH: A state of optimal physical, mental and social wellbeing, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Chiropractic has only one goal: to eliminate misalignments within the spinal column, which interfere with the expression of the body's innate wisdom. It is important that each patient understand both the objective and the method that will be used to attain our goal. This will prevent any confusion or disappointment.

**Vertebral Subluxation:** a misalignment of one or more of the 24 vertebrae in the spinal column which causes alteration of nerve function and interference to the transmission of mental impulses, resulting in a lessening of the body's ability to express its maximum health potential.

**Adjustment:** the specific application of forces to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxation. Our chiropractic method of correction is specific adjustments of the spine.

STROKE: The risk of a stroke in a chiropractic office is the same as it would be in a medical office, a yoga class or a hairdresser. A major study from 1993 indicated that a vertebral artery stroke occurs in 1 per every 3,000,000 adjustments to the upper neck. This means that a chiropractor would have to practice for hundreds of years to be statistically associated with a single patient stroke.

SORENESS: It is possible for chiropractic adjustments to result in an increase in soreness in the region being treated. This is nearly always a temporary symptom that occurs while your body is undergoing spinal changes. It is not dangerous and may vary according to your general health. Increase water intake may help prevent soreness.

There may be other problems that arise from chiropractic care other than those noted above. These occur so rarely that it is not possible to anticipate and/or explain them all in advance of treatment.

CHIRORACTIC CARE AND DIAGNOSIS: We do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease or condition other than vertebral subluxation. However, if during the course of chiropractic spinal examination we encounter non-chiropractic or unusual findings, we will advise you. If you desire advice, diagnosis, or treatment for those findings, we will recommend that you seek the services of a health care provider who specializes in that area. Regardless of what the disease is called, we do not offer to treat it. Nor do we offer advice regarding treatment prescribed by others.

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the above statements. All of my questions regarding my care and the doctor's objective for my health have been answered to my complete satisfaction. I therefore accept chiropractic care on this basis.

Signature of Patient/Guardian	Date