FOR TREATMENT, PAYMENT AND HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS

1. Public Health Activities: We may disclose your health information to a public health authority that is authorized by law to collect health information for the purpose of investigating the cause or prevention of disease or injury in order to report or conduct a study. For example, we may disclose your health information in response to a court order or other legal process. We may also disclose your health information to a public health authority if you are involved in a mass casualty situation.

2. Health Oversight Activities: We may disclose your health information to a health oversight agency for the purpose of conducting a review, evalu- ation, or inspection of the health care organization to determine the quality and performance of our health care providers.

3. Judicial and Administrative Proceedings: We may disclose your health information in response to a lawsuit or other legal process, including a court order or other legal process. We may also disclose your health information as permitted by law. For example, we may disclose your health information to a health oversight agency that includes, among others, an agency of the federal or state government that is authorized by law to ensure the quality of health care services or facilities.

4. Law Enforcement Activities: We may disclose your health information in response to a law enforcement request for information to identify or locate a victim, a suspect, a fugitive, a witness, an individual subject to a court order, or to permit the communication of other information necessary to identify or locate a victim, a suspect, a fugitive, a witness, an individual subject to a court order, or to permit the communication of other information necessary to detect or prevent crime. We may also disclose your health information to a health oversight agency that includes, among others, an agency of the federal or state government that is authorized by law to ensure the quality of health care services or facilities.

5. Specialized Government Functions: We may disclose your health information for national security purposes, including the assessment of health information for the purpose of identifying or locating a victim or to determine the cause of death. We may also disclose your health information to a health oversight agency that includes, among others, an agency of the federal or state government that is authorized by law to ensure the quality of health care services or facilities.

6. Workers’ Compensation Purposes: We may disclose your health information for the purpose of workers’ compensation claims.

7. Health Care Operations: We may use or disclose your health information to carry out certain administrative, financial, legal and quality improvement activities that are necessary to run your health care organization. For example, we may use or disclose your health information for the purpose of carrying out quality assessment activities, such as a peer review. We may also disclose your health information to our billing or claims department to prepare a bill or statement to send to you, your insurance company, including Medicare, Medicaid, or another payer.

8. Philanthropic Activities: We may use or disclose your health information to a third party to help assess the quality and performance of our physicians and other health care providers to help us improve our health care services, or for activities related to our health care services.

9. Death Information: We may use or disclose your health information to identify or locate a victim, a suspect, a fugitive, a witness, an individual subject to a court order, or to permit the communication of other information necessary to identify or locate a victim, a suspect, a fugitive, a witness, an individual subject to a court order, or to permit the communication of other information necessary to detect or prevent crime. We may also disclose your health information to a health oversight agency that includes, among others, an agency of the federal or state government that is authorized by law to ensure the quality of health care services or facilities.

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