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IMPORTANT: 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.

Diatherix Laboratories, Inc. is required by law to protect certain aspects of your health care information known as **Protected Health Information or PHI** and to provide you with this Notice of Privacy Practices. This Notice describes our privacy practices, your legal rights, and lets you know how Diatherix Laboratories, Inc. is permitted to:

- Use and disclose PHI about you
- How you can access and copy that information
- How you may request amendment of that information
- How you may request restrictions on our use and disclosure of your PHI.

In most situations we may use this information described in this Notice without your permission, but there are some situations where we may use it only after we obtain your written authorization, if we are required by law to do so. We respect your privacy, and treat all health care information about our patients with care under strict policies of confidentiality that all of our staff is committed to following at all times.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DETAILED NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IT, PLEASE CONTACT OUR HIPAA Privacy Officer Liaison at 256-327-5283 or robert.ford@diatherix.com and someone will contact you.

Purpose of this Notice: This Notice describes your legal rights, advises you of our privacy practices, and lets you know how Diatherix Laboratories, Inc. is permitted to use and disclose Protected Health Information (PHI) about you.

Uses and Disclosures of PHI: Diatherix Laboratories, Inc. may use PHI for the purposes of payment, and health care operations, in most cases without your written permission.

Examples of our use of your PHI:

For treatment. This includes such things as verbal and written information that we obtain about you and use pertaining to your medical condition and treatment provided to you by medical personnel (including doctors and nurses who request us to provide specimen test results to them).

For payment. This includes any activities we must undertake in order to get reimbursed for the services we provide to you, including such things as organizing your PHI and submitting bills to insurance companies (either directly or through a third party billing company), management of billed claims for services rendered, medical necessity determinations and reviews, utilization review, and collection of outstanding accounts.

Use and Disclosure of PHI, Without Your Authorization. Diatherix Laboratories, Inc. is permitted to use PHI *without* your written authorization, or opportunity to object in certain situations, including:

- For Diatherix Laboratories, Inc.'s use in obtaining payment for services provided to you;
- To another health care provider or entity for the payment activities of the provider or entity that receives the information (such as your hospital or insurance company);
- For health care fraud and abuse detection or for activities related to compliance with the law.

If you have any questions or if you wish to file a complaint or exercise any rights listed in this Notice, please contact:

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