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Notice of Information Practices

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 AND SIGN BELOW.

Understanding your health record information

Each time you visit Good Chi Boston a record is made of your visit. Typically this record contains your health history, current symptoms, examination results, Oriental medical diagnosis and treatment plans. This information serves as:

- a basis for planning your care and treatment
- a legal document describing the care you received, written in a format appropriate to acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine
- a tool in education
- a tool to assess the appropriateness and quality of care you received

Your rights under the Federal Privacy Standard

Although your health record is the physical property of Good Chi Boston, you have certain rights with regard to the information contained therein. You have the right to:

- request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your health information for treatment, payment, and education. This right does not include those required by law, for example mandatory reporting of communicable diseases like tuberculosis.
- ask us to communicate with you by alternative means and, if the method is reasonable, we must grant the request.
- receive and keep a copy of this notice of information practices. If you do request a copy, the law requires us to ask you to acknowledge receipt of your copy.
- inspect and copy your health information upon request. We reserve the right to charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for making copies.
- request a correction of our health information unless we did not create the record or if the record is accurate and complete.
- obtain an accounting of non-routine uses or disclosures.
- revoke authorization to use or disclose your health information at any time.

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With the regulatory consent granted by the health and human services department, we may use and disclose your health information for treatment, payment and education.

- Good Chi Boston can use your personal health information to diagnose, plan and implement the best course of treatment for you.
- Good Chi Boston may also use your health information to receive payment from a third party payer, for example Workers Compensation, if applicable and appropriate.
- Allyson O’Connell Nevard, L.Ac. is a teacher of Oriental Medicine. In accomplishing her educational goals and objectives, your health information may be shared in clinical courses or seminars. However, identifying information about you will be removed and all information is protected under our privacy and confidentiality policies.
- At times, Allyson O’Connell Nevard, L.Ac. collaborates with educational institutions’ students, for example the New England School of Acupuncture, allowing them to observe or assist in her treatments. You will be given advance notice of the presence of an assistant. You may choose to withdraw authorization of the participation of any assistant.
- If Allyson O’Connell Nevard, L.Ac. uses your personal health information for other purposes, you will be informed and asked your permission in writing. You may revoke your authorization for consent at any time.

Our responsibility under the Federal Privacy Standard

In addition to providing you your rights, the federal privacy standard requires Good Chi Boston to:

- maintain the privacy of your health information, including implementing reasonable and appropriate physical, administrative, and technical safeguards to protect the information.
- provide you with this notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to individually identifiable health information that we collect and maintain about you.
- abide by the terms of this notice
- train our personnel and students concerning privacy and confidentiality
- implement a sanction policy to discipline those who breach privacy/confidentiality policies.
- lessen the harm of any breach of privacy or confidentiality.

How to get more information or to report a problem

If you have any questions or problems or would like any additional information, you may contact Allyson O’Connell Nevard, L.Ac. at (508) 740-1424.

I have read the above, understand my rights as a patient at Good Chi Boston and am satisfied that my information will be kept adequately secure and confidential.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Print name: _____