

# WASHINGTON NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

The following replaces the “Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information” and “Other Uses and Disclosures” sections of the Shopko Notice of Privacy Practices in their entirety.

Unless authorized by you, we will not disclose your health care information without your authorization, except if the disclosure is:

- To a person who the provider reasonably believes is providing health care to the patient.
- To any other person who requires health care information for health care education, or to provide planning, quality assurance, peer review, or administrative, legal, financial, or actuarial services to the health care provider; or for assisting the health care provider in the delivery of health care and the health care provider reasonably believes that the person:
  - will not use or disclose the health care information for any other purpose.
  - will take appropriate steps to protect the health care information.
- To any other health care provider reasonably believed to have previously provided health care to the patient, to the extent necessary to provide health care to the patient, unless the patient has instructed the health care provider in writing not to make the disclosure.
- To any person if the health care provider reasonably believes that disclosure will avoid or minimize an imminent danger to the health or safety of the patient or any other individual; however, there is no obligation on the part of the provider to so disclose.
- Oral, and made to immediate family members of the patient, or any other individual with whom the patient is known to have a close personal relationship, if made in accordance with good medical or other professional practice, unless the patient has instructed the health care provider in writing not to make the disclosure.
- To a health care provider who is the successor in interest to the health care provider maintaining the health care information.

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- To a person who obtains information for purposes of an audit, if that person agrees in writing to:
  - remove or destroy, at the earliest opportunity consistent with the purpose of the audit, information that would enable the patient to be identified.
  - not to disclose the information further, except to accomplish the audit or report unlawful or improper conduct involving fraud in payment for health care by a health care provider or patient, or other unlawful conduct by the health care provider.
- To an official of a penal or other custodial institution in which the patient is detained.
- To provide directory information, unless the patient has instructed the health care provider not to make the disclosure.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases: We will not disclose any information regarding your treatment for a sexually transmitted disease, except in situations where you have provided us with a written authorization allowing the release or where we are authorized or required by state or federal law to make the disclosure.