Notice of Medical Privacy Practices

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This notice describes how medical information about you may be used or disclosed and how you may access this information. Please review this Notice carefully.

Each time you visit Student Health Services, a record of your visit is made. This record contains information about your symptoms, examinations, test results, medications, allergies, and a plan for your care. We refer to this information as your medical record. Your medical record is an essential part of the healthcare we provide for you. It contains personal health information. State and federal law protects the privacy of this information.

We will use your medical record for treatment. All the physicians, nurses, and clinical staff involved in your care will document in your record details about your physical examination and the care planned for you. We will provide physicians or other healthcare providers who are treating you with information from your medical record that could assist them in treating you. We may also use your medical record to call you or send a reminder about an appointment, to follow up with diagnostic tests results, or to provide you with information about other treatment or care that could benefit your health.

Your medical record may be used or disclosed in connection with other university healthcare operations, including quality assessment and improvement activities, review of the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluation of provider performance, accreditation, certification, licensing, and credentialing activities.

Your medical record may be used to notify or assist in the notification of a family member, your personal representative, or another person responsible for your care, of your location, your general condition, or in the event of your death. If you are present and capable, you will be given opportunity to object to the use or disclosure of your medical record prior to such use or disclosure. If you are incapacitated, your medical record will be used or disclosed on the professional judgment of Anderson University personnel. Only relevant information from your medical record will be disclosed to persons involved in your care.

Your medical record may also be disclosed if required by law.

You may provide Anderson University with written authorization to use your medical record or to disclose it to anyone, for any purpose. You may also revoke such authorization in writing at any time. Without your written authorization, your medical record will not be disclosed except as described in this Notice.

Your rights

You have the right to:

- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information; if the university agrees
 with your request, we will comply unless the information is needed to provide emergency treatment.
- 2. Obtain a paper copy of this Notice upon request by calling (765) 641-4222.
- 3. Obtain a copy of your medical record.
- 4. Request an amendment to your medical record.
- 5. Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your medical record.
- 6. Request disclosure of your medical record in a manner and location of your choosing.
- 7. Revoke your authorization to use or disclose your medical record except to the extent that action has already been taken.
- 8. File a complaint if you feel your privacy rights have been violated.

To exercise any of your patient rights, submit a written request to Student Health Services.

Our responsibilities

Our duties are to:

- 1. Maintain the privacy of your medical record.
- 2. Provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices regarding your medical record.
- 3. Abide by the terms of this notice.
- 4. Notify you if we are unable to agree or comply with to a requested restriction.
- 5. Accommodate your reasonable requests to disclose your medical record in a manner and location of your choosing.

We reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice and our privacy policies at any time. Prior to making significant changes to our policies, we will post a notice of such changes in the waiting area in the Student Health Services facility.

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may submit a written complaint to Student Health Services or contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For more information about filing a complaint, visit www.hhs.gov/orc/hipaa on the Web. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.