Keeping Your Personal Health Information (PHI) Private

At Southern Ohio Medical Center, we take extra measures to protect your health information. This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please read carefully.

Southern Ohio Medical Center is a health system that includes a hospital, urgent care centers, health care professionals, physicians offices, and many health care professionals. This Notice of Privacy Practices applies to Southern Ohio Medical Center (SOMC) and the SOMC Medical Staff as an organized health care arrangement (henceforward referred to as “SOMC”).

Our health care providers work together to provide the best care to their patients. As allowed by law and only if needed, health information is shared to provide the best treatment, arrange for payment and improve how SOMC provides care in the future. The purpose of this notice is to let you know how SOMC shares your information and how you can find out more about our information sharing practices. You may receive this notice in advance of a hospital visit, or you may receive it at the visit location when you arrive. On the consent form for this visit, you will be asked to acknowledge new/revised copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

1. SOMC has a legal duty to protect your health information.

By law, SOMC must keep your health information private and tell you how we use and disclose your health information. This includes your past, present, or future health information (your condition, care provided to you, or payment). SOMC must follow the terms of this notice to protect your information. If they change, SOMC will notify you and you will be able to get a copy of any new revised notice by contacting the SOMC Privacy Officer. Contact information is listed in the last section of this notice.

2. SOMC may use and disclose (share) your health information.

For example:
- Doctors, nurses, hospital chaplains, and other staff involved in your care will use information in your chart. Medical records, which include your health information, can provide you with the best care.
- If you are being treated for a knee injury, SOMC may share your health information with the physical therapy staff so they can help plan your activity.
- SOMC may use your health information with another health care facility or professional not associated with us who will be providing treatment or care, for example, if you leave this health care facility to receive home health care. SOMC may share your health information with that home health care agency so that your treatment continues.
- For Payment of Your Treatment. SOMC may use and share your health information if needed for payment purposes.

For example:
- SOMC may share your health information about your treatment, as necessary and as permitted by law, to help improve care and operate the hospital (such as improving clinical care, staff evaluations, managing our business, auditing, legal services, accreditation, and licensing).

3. For Health Care Operations. SOMC may use and share your health information, as necessary and as permitted by law, to help improve care and operate the hospital (such as improving clinical care, staff evaluations, managing our business, auditing, legal services, accreditation, and licensing).

For example:
- SOMC may use and share your health information to evaluate the care the staff provide.
- SOMC may need to share health information with our business partners that help us with our HHC care operations. These businesses MUST protect the privacy of your information.
- SOMC may also share your health information with other health care professionals, facilities, and health plans to help them improve their care of you, and they also have a patient relationship with you.
- For fundraising: SOMC may use your health information to raise funds for our hospitals/ centers. Alcoholics anonymous is revealed in several places in this notice. If they change, SOMC will notify you and you will be able to get a copy of any new revised notice by contacting the SOMC Privacy Officer. Contact information is listed in the last section of this notice.

4. For treatment/Care. SOMC may use and share your health information for your treatment or care.

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5. For Legal Cases or Law Enforcement (at the Federal, State, and Local Level).

If you are a veteran or in the military. For payment purposes, SOMC may share your health information with our business partners that help us with our HHC care operations. These businesses MUST protect the privacy of your information.

For example:
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6. For payment purposes, SOMC may use your health information to prepare a bill to send to you or to a third party to whom you owe payment of your care. SOMC may share your health information with your family, friends, or other caregivers that help with your care or payment of your care. SOMC may share your health information with an agency that is helping in disaster relief efforts so that they may find your family or caregiver.

7. For Other Uses and Disclosures Need Your Prior Written Authorization.

In any situation not mentioned in section iii or iv, SOMC will ask for written authorization before using or sharing your health information. If you sign an authorization form, you can later cancel that authorization (in writing) to stop any future uses.

8. For Research.

SOMC may use your health information for research when it is approved by our institutional review board (IRB) so that research may take place.

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9. For purposes of public health.

SOMC may share your health information for public health activities, such as reporting diseases, injuries, births, deaths, and looking into disease outbreaks. For deceased patients, by law and only if needed; SOMC must share your health information with public health agencies and funeral directors.

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If you are a veteran or in the military. For payment purposes, SOMC may share your health information with our business partners that help us with our HHC care operations. These businesses MUST protect the privacy of your information.

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11. For marketing or sale. Health Care Providers like SOMC may market or sell non-identifiable health information without consent. Any identifiable health information or psychotherapy notes may not be sold without the patient’s consent.

12. For your treatment or care. SOMC may use and share your health information for your treatment or care.

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13. In the course of providing treatment, payment, health care services, or to give a transplant to you. SOMC may share your health information as needed for payment purposes.

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14. The Right to Access Your Own Health Information. You have the right to copy and look at all of your health information that SOMC keeps on you!

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15. Related Benefits or Services.

If you are a veteran or in the military. For payment purposes, SOMC may share your health information with your family, friends, or other caregivers that help with your care or payment of your care. SOMC may share your health information with an agency that is helping in disaster relief efforts so that they may find your family or caregiver.

16. The Right to Limit or Revoke the Use or Disclosure of Your Information.

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17. For purposes of health oversight.

SOMC may share your health information if needed for the government when it investigates a health care provider or organization.

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18. For purposes of public health.

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19. For purposes of medical education.

SOMC must share your health information with a medical student or resident if you are associated with us (e.g. via phone, e-mail). We must agree to your request and may not be able to limit use of your PHI.

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20. Life-threatening emergencies.

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21. If you feel your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to file a complaint. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to file a complaint. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to file a complaint.

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24. The Right to Notice of Privacy Practices:

You have the right to get a list of when SOMC shared your health information and to whom. The list will include:
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