

Hi Smile
1060 Young Street, Ste 201
Honolulu, HI 96814
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW YOUR DENTAL INFORMATION MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION

Each time you visit our office, we make a record of your visit in order to manage the care you receive. We understand that the dental information that is recorded about you and your health is personal. The confidentiality and privacy of your health information is also protected under both state and federal law.

Hi Smile, the office of Dr. Malia Kamisugi, uses the health information about you for treatment, payment and health care operations. Your health information is contained in paper and electronic records that are the property of Hi Smile.

How We Will Use or Disclose Your Health Information

Treatment:

We will use your health information for treatment. For example, information obtained by the orthodontist or other members of your healthcare team will be recorded in your record and used to determine the course of treatment that should work best for you. Your orthodontist will document in your record his or her expectations of the members your healthcare team. Members of your healthcare team will then record the actions they took and their observations, so the orthodontist will know how you are responding to treatment. We will also provide your dentist, or subsequent healthcare provider, with copies of various reports that should assist him or her in treating you.

Payment:

We may use and disclose your health information to others for purposes of payment for treatment and services that you receive. For

example, a bill may be sent to you or your health plan. The information on or accompanying the bill may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis, procedures, and supplies used in the course of treatment.

Health Care Operations:

We will use your health information for our regular health care operations. For example, we may use information in your health record to assess the care and outcome in your case and others like it. This information will then be used in a continued effort to improve the quality and effectiveness of the services we provide.

Business Associates:

We may enter into contracts with person or entities known as business associates that provide services to or perform functions on our behalf. Examples include our accountants, consultants, and attorneys. We may disclose your health information to our business associates so they can perform the job we have asked them to do, once they have agreed in writing to safeguard your information.

Notification:

We may use or disclose information to assist in notifying a family member, personal representative, or another person responsible for your care, of your location, and general condition. If we are unable to reach your family member or personal representative, the we may leave a message for them at the phone number that they have provided to us, e.g., on an answering machine.

Communication with Family:

We may disclose to a family member, other relative, close personal friend or any other person you identify, health information relevant

to that person's involvement in your care or payment related to your care.

Appointment Reminders/Health Benefits:

We may contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health benefits that may be of interest to you.

Funeral Directors and Coroners:

We may disclose your health information to funeral directors, and to coroners or medical examiners, to carry out their duties consistent with applicable law.

Organ Procurement Organizations:

Consistent with applicable law, we may disclose your health information to organ procurement organizations or other entities engaged in the procurement, banking or transplantation of organs for the purpose of tissue donation and transplant.

Research:

We may disclose your health information to researchers when their research has been approved by an institutional review board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of your health information. We may also disclose your health information to people preparing to conduct a research project, so long as the health information is not removed from us. We may also use and disclose your health information to contact you about the possibility of enrolling in a research study.

Fundraising:

We may contact you as part of our fundraising efforts; however, you may opt-out of receiving such communications.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

We may disclose to the FDA health information relative to adverse events with respect to food, supplements, product, and product defects, or post marketing surveillance information to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacement.

Workers' Compensation:

We may disclose health information to the extent authorized by and to the extent necessary, to comply with laws relating to workers' compensation or other similar programs established by law.

Public Health Activities:

As required by law, we may disclose your health information to public health, or legal authorities, charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.

Health Oversight Activities:

We may disclose your health information to health oversight agencies for purposes of legally authorized health oversight activities, such as audits and investigations necessary for oversight of the health care system and government benefit programs.

Correctional Institution:

Should you be an inmate of a correctional institution, we may disclose to the institution, or agents thereof, health information necessary for your health and the health and safety of other individuals.

Judicial and Administrative Proceedings:

We may disclose your health information in a judicial or administrative proceeding if the request of the information is through an order from the court or administrative tribunal. Such information may also be disclosed in response to a subpoena or other lawful process if certain assurances regarding notice to the individual or a protective order are provided.

Law Enforcement Purposes/Serious Threat to Health or Safety:

We may disclose your health information to enforcement officials for law enforcement purposes under certain circumstances and subject to certain condition. We may also disclose your health information to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to a person or the public (when the disclosure is made to someone we believe can prevent or

lessen the threat) or to identify or apprehend an escapee or violent criminal.

Victims of Abuse, Neglect, and Domestic:

In certain circumstances, we may disclose your health information to appropriate government authorities if there are allegations of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

Essential Government Functions:

We may disclose your health information for certain essential government functions (e.g., military activity and for national security purposes).

The following uses and disclosures will be made only with your authorization: (i) with limited exceptions, uses and disclosures of your health information for marketing purposes, including subsidized treatment communications; (ii) disclosures that constitute a sale of your health information; and (iii) other uses and disclosures not described in this notice. You may revoke your authorization at any time in writing, except to the extent that we have taken action in reliance on the use of disclosure indicated in the authorization.

Your Health Information Rights

Although your health record is the physical property of this office, you have the following rights with respect to your health information:

- You may request that we not use or disclose your health information for a particular reason related to treatment, payment our general healthcare operations, and/or to a particular family member, other relatives or close personal friend. We ask that such requests be made in writing on a form provided by us. Although we will consider your request, please be aware that we are under no obligation to accept it or abide by it, except as provided below.
- If you have paid for services out-of-pocket in full, you may request that we not disclose information related solely to those services to your health plan. We ask that such requests be made in writing on a form provided by us. We are required to abide such a request, except where we are required by law to make a disclosure. We are not required to inform other providers of such a request, so you should notify any other providers regarding such a request.
- You have the right to receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or at an alternative location. Such a request must be made in writing, and submitted to the Privacy Officer. We will attempt to accommodate all reasonable requests.
- You may request to inspect and/or obtain copies of health information about you, which will be provided to you in the time frames established by law. If we maintain your health information electronically in a designated record set, you may obtain an electronic copy of the information. If you request a copy (paper or electronic), we will charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee.
- If you believe that any health information in your record is incorrect, or if you believe that important information is missing, you may request that we correct the existing information or add the missing information. Such requests must be made in writing, and must provide a reason to support the amendment. We ask that you use the form provided by us to make such requests. For a request form, please contact the Privacy Officer.
- You may request that we provide you with a written accounting of all disclosures made by us during the time period for which you request (not to

exceed six years), as required by law. We ask that such requests be made in writing on a form provided by us. Please note that accounting does not include all disclosures, e.g., disclosure to carry out treatment, payment, or healthcare operations and disclosures made to you or your legal representative or pursuant to an authorization. You will not be charged for your first accounting request in any 12-month period. However, for any requests that you make thereafter, you will be charged a reasonable, cost-based fee.

- You have the right to be notified following a breach of your unsecured protected health information.
- You have the right to obtain a paper copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.

For More Information or to Report a Problem

You have the right to complain to us and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) if you believe we have violated your privacy rights. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

For more information or to file a complaint with us, contact our Privacy Officer by phone or mail.

Obligations of Your Insurance

Your insurance is required to:

- Maintain the privacy of protected health information
- Provide you with a notice of its legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information
- Abide by the terms of this notice
- Notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction on how your information is used or disclosed
- Accommodate reasonable requests you may make to communicate health

information by alternative means or at alternative locations

- Obtain your written authorization to use or disclose your health information for reason other than those listed above and permitted under law.

Your insurance reserves the right to change its privacy practices and to make new provisions effective all protected health information it maintains. As notices are revised, copies will be mailed to you within sixty (60) days of making the change.

If you have any questions or complaints, or if you do not want to provide your consent to your insurance, to use your protected health information for purposes of payment and/or healthcare operations, please submit a letter of denial to provide consent to:

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