# **Patient Privacy Policy**

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.

### **Privacy Policy**

Mark R. Comaratta, MD, PC, cares about protecting patient privacy. In the process of providing our services to our patients, we will collect and use information that has been provided for patient care.

## **Collection of Information**

We collect and retain the information necessary for us to provide medical care for our patients. In that process, we may collect non-public information from you.

## **Internal Protection of Information**

We restrict access to non-public personal information about you to those employees who need to know that information to provide your medical care. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with federal regulations to guard this information.

#### **Uses and Disclosures**

We use health information about you for treatment, to obtain payment for treatment, for administrative purposes, and to evaluate the quality of care that you receive. Continuity of care is part of treatment and your records may be shared with other providers to whom you are referred. Information may be shared by paper mail, electronic mail, fax, or other methods. We may use or disclose identifiable health information about you without your authorization is several situations, but beyond those situations we will ask for your written authorization before using or disclosing any identifiable health information about you.

#### **Your Rights**

In most cases, you have the right to look at or obtain a copy of health information about you. You also have the right to receive a list of certain types of disclosures of your information that we have made. If you believe information in your record is incorrect, you have the right to request that we correct the existing information.

## **Our Legal Duty**

We are required by law to protect the privacy of your information, provide this notice about our information practices, follow the information practices that are described in this notice, and seek your acknowledgement of receipt of this notice. Before we make a significant change in our policies, we will change our notice and post the new notice in the waiting area. You may request and obtain a copy of this notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, contact the person listed below.

## **Complaints**

If you are concerned that we have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your records, you may contact the person listed below. You may also send a written complaint to the US Department of Health and Human Services. The person listed below can provide you with the appropriate address upon request.

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