

## Notice of Camden Eye Care Associates Policies Relating to Patient Privacy Practice

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.

THIS NOTICE IS EFFECTIVE 07/08/2021 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

### **Right to Notice**

As a patient, you have the right to adequate notice of the uses and disclosures of your protected health information. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accessibility Act (HIPAA), Camden Eye Care can use your protected health information for treatment, payment, and health care operations.

A) Treatment: We may use or disclose your health information to a physician or other healthcare providing treatment to you.

B) Health Care Operations: We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, review the competency or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing, or credentialing activities.

### **Your Authorization**

Most uses and disclosures that do not fall under treatment, payment, or health care operations will require our written authorization. Upon signing, you may revoke your authorization (in writing) through our practice at any time.

### **Emergency Situations**

In the event of your incapacity or an emergency, we will disclose health information to a family member, or another person responsible for your care, using our professional judgement. We will only disclose health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare.

### **Marketing**

We will not use your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization.

**Required by Law.**

We may also use your health information when we are required to do so by law.

**Abuse or Neglect**

We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence or the victim of other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your or other people's health or safety.

**National Security**

We may disclose the health information of Armed Forces personnel to military authorities under certain circumstances. We may disclose health information to authorized federal officials required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose health information of inmates to the appropriate authorities under certain circumstances.

**Appointment Reminders**

We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders via phone, text, email, or letter.

**Your Rights as a Patient**

You have the right to restrict the disclosure of your protected health information (in writing). The request for restriction may be denied if the information is required for treatment, payment, or health care operations.

You have the right to receive confidential communications regarding your protected health information.

You have the right to inspect and copy your protected health information.

You have the right to amend your protected health information.

You have the right to receive an account of disclosures of your protected health information.

You have the right to a paper copy of this notice of privacy practices.

**Legal Requirements**

Camden Eye Care is required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information. We are required to abide by terms of this notice as it is currently stated and reserve the right to change this

notice. The policies in any new notice will not be in effect until they are posted to this site or are available within our office.

**Complaints**

If you have complaints regarding the way your protected health information was handled, you may submit a complaint in writing to our office. You will not be retaliated against in any manner for a complaint.

**Contact Information:**

For further information about Camden Eye Care’s privacy policies, please contact us at the following address or phone number.

Camden Eye Care  
264 Hwy 641 North  
Camden, TN 38320  
(731)584-7942

I \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have received a copy of my patient privacy policies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date