

NOTICE: PATIENT PRIVACY

Dear Patient:

We are committed to preserving the privacy of your personal health information. In fact, we are required by law to protect the privacy of your medical information and to provide you with Notice describing:

HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN ACCESS THIS INFORMATION.

We are required by law to have your written consent before we use or disclose to others your medical information for purposes of providing or arranging for your health care, the payment for or reimbursement of the care that we provide to you, and the related administrative activities supporting your treatment.

We may be required or permitted by certain laws to use and disclose your medical information for other purposes without your consent or authorization.

As our patient, you have important rights relating to inspecting and copying your medical information that we maintain, amending or correcting that information, obtaining an accounting of our disclosures of your medical information, requesting that we communicate with you confidentially, requesting that we restrict certain uses and disclosures of your health information, and complaining if you think your rights have been violated.

We have available a detailed Notice of Privacy Practices which fully explains your rights and our obligations under the law. We may revise our Notice from time to time. The effective date at the top right hand side of this page indicated the date of the most current Notice in effect.

You have the right to receive a copy of our most current Notice in effect. If you have not yet reserved a copy of our current Notice, please ask at the front desk and we will provide you with a copy.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about the Notice or your medical information, please contact Raymond Huang of our office at Barranca Optometry.

CONSENT TO USE OR DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION

DATE _____

I consent **BARRANCA OPTOMETRY** to use and disclose the health and medical information of _____ for the purposes of Treatment, Payment and Health Care Operations.*
(Name of Patient)

***Treatment** (includes activities performed by a health care provider, nurse, office staff, and other types of health care professionals providing care to you, coordinating or managing your care with third parties, and consultations with and between other health care providers. This consent includes treatment provided by any physician who covers my/our practice by telephone as the on-call physician).

***Payment** (includes activities involved in determining your eligibility for health plan coverage, billing receiving payment for your health benefit claims, and utilization management activities which may include review of health care services for medical necessity, justification of charges, pre-certification and pre-authorization).

***Health Care Operations** (includes the necessary administrative and business functions of our office).

You may review **Barranca Optometry** "Notice of Privacy Practices" for additional information about the uses and disclosures of information described in this Consent prior to signing this Consent. Please verify that you received a copy of our Notice by placing your initials here: _____.

Because we have reserved the right to change our privacy practices in accordance with the law, the terms contained in the Notice may change also. A summary of the Notice will be posted in our office indicating the effective date of the Notice in the upper right hand corner. We will offer you a copy of the Notice on your first visit to us after the effective date of the then current Notice. We will also provide you with a copy of the Notice upon your request.

As more fully explained in the Notice, you have the right to request restrictions on how we use and disclose your protected health information for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes. We are not required to agree to your request. If we do agree, we are required to comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide you emergency treatment. Other physicians who provide call coverage for our office are required to use and disclose your protected health information consistent with the Notice.

*I understand that I have the right to revoke this Consent provided that I do so in writing, except to the extent that **Barranca Optometry** has already used or disclosed the information in reliance on this Consent.*

Signature of Patient

Signature of Person Authorized by Law

Date