

# Notice of Privacy Practices

## Pima Heart Physicians, P.C.

As Required by the Privacy Regulations Created as a Result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

This notice describes how health information about you (as a patient of this practice) may be used and disclosed, and how you can get access to your individually identifiable health information.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PRIVACY

Pima Heart is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your individually identifiable health information. In conducting our business, we will create records regarding you and the treatment and services we provide to you. We are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of health information that identifies you. We are also required by law to provide you with this notice of our legal duties and the privacy practices that we maintain in our practice concerning your health information. By federal and state law, we must follow the terms of the notice of privacy practices that we have in effect at this time.

We may use and disclose your individually identifiable health information in the following ways:

**Treatment:** Pima Heart Physicians may use your information to treat you. We may ask you to have laboratory tests to help us reach a diagnosis. We might use your information to write a prescription, or we may disclose your information to a pharmacy when we order a prescription for you. Many of the people who work for our practice, including but not limited to, our doctors and nurses, may use or disclose your information in order to treat you or to assist others in your treatment. Additionally, we may disclose your information to others who may assist in your care, such as your spouse, children or parents.

**Payment:** Pima Heart Physicians may use and disclose your information in order to bill and collect payment for service you receive from us.

**Health Care Operations:** Pima Heart Physicians may use and disclose your information to operate our business. We may use your information for operational purposes to evaluate the quality of care you received from us, or to conduct cost-management and business planning activities for our practice.

### Your Rights Regarding Your Health Information

You have the following rights regarding the health information we maintain about you.

**Confidentiality Communication:** you can specify where you would like to be contacted.

**Requesting Restrictions:** you have the right to request a restriction on our use or disclosure of your health information for purposes other than treatment, payment and business operational purposes.

**Inspection and Copies:** you have the right to review and request copies of your health information.

*The terms of this notice apply to all records containing your health information that are created or retained by our practice. We reserve the right to revise or amend this Notice of Privacy Practices. Any revision or amendment to this notice will be effective for all of your records that our practice has created or maintained in the past, and for any of your records that we may create or maintain in the future. Our practice will post a copy of our current Notice in our offices in a visible location at all times, and you may request a copy of our most current Notice at any time.*