

## **HNL Lab Medicine Patient Portal Terms of Use**

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The following are the terms of use ("Terms of Use") for the patient portal ("Patient Portal") of Health Network Laboratories, L.P. (HNL Lab Medicine). Please take a moment to review the Terms of Use before accessing or using the Patient Portal. The goal of the Patient Portal is to provide patients with an online means to view and print information relating to the services provided by HNL Lab Medicine ("Services") and a secure electronic method of communication. The Terms of Use constitute a binding legal contract between HNL Lab Medicine (also referred to as "we," "us," or "our") and you ("you" and "your") which governs your use of the Patient Portal. By accessing the Patient Portal, you confirm that you have read, understand and agree to be bound by the Terms of Use, and warrant to HNL Lab Medicine that you will not use the site for any purpose that is unlawful or prohibited by these Terms of Use. If you do not agree to be bound by these Terms of Use, please do not access or use the Patient Portal. If HNL Lab Medicine is informed that you are making a possibly unlawful or prohibited use of the Patient Portal, HNL Lab Medicine may unilaterally deny your further access to the site. In its sole discretion, HNL Lab Medicine may modify these Terms of Use by posting the revised version on the Patient Portal. Such modification shall be effective immediately after the posting of the modified Terms of Use, and your continued access or use of the Patient Portal after the modifications have become effective shall be deemed your conclusive acceptance of the modified Terms of Use.

#### **Use of the Patient Portal**

You agree to use the Patient Portal in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. You agree that you shall not: (a) interfere with or disrupt the Patient Portal or servers or networks hosting or connected to the Patient Portal; (b) transmit any material that contains software viruses or any other computer code, files, or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer hardware or software; (c) provide false or misleading information or impersonate any person or entity; or (d) create a link to, or otherwise link over from your website or web page to the Patient Portal without the written consent of HNL Lab Medicine.

## **Privacy and Security**

You will create a username and password upon completing the registration process for a Patient Portal account. It is your responsibility to keep your Portal username and password secure and confidential so that only you, or someone authorized by you, can gain access to your information. YOUR INFORMATION MAY CONTAIN SENSITIVE INFORMATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PREGNANCY, HIV/AIDS, DRUG, ALCOHOL AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE INFORMATION, GENETIC DISEASE, OR GENETIC TESTING, AND YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT SUCH SENSITIVE INFORMATION MAY BE VIEWED AND PRINTED THROUGH THE PATIENT PORTAL. Your username and password are crucial elements of protecting the privacy and confidentiality of your information. If you think an unauthorized individual has learned your username and/or password, immediately log into the Patient Portal and change your username and/or password. You are solely responsible for protecting your username and password.

HNL Lab Medicine is committed to respecting your privacy and maintaining the confidentiality of your protected health information. We have detailed policies and procedures regarding access to records. For information about our privacy policies concerning your protected health information, please see our HIPAA Privacy Notice.

Though we use state-of-the art security, no system can eliminate 100% of the risks of intentional intrusion or inadvertent disclosure of information. When using the Patient Portal, information will be transmitted over the Internet, a medium that is beyond our control. As a result, while we take steps to protect your information, HNL Lab Medicine cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information transmitted through the Patient Portal. YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME THE SOLE RISK OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OR INTENTIONAL INTRUSION, OR OF ANY DELAY, FAILURE, INTERRUPTION OR CORRUPTION OF DATA OR OTHER INFORMATION TRANSMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE PATIENT PORTAL.

### **Disclaimer of Content**

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#### **Termination**

You acknowledge and agree that HNL Lab Medicine may suspend or terminate your Patient Portal account and/or deny you access to or use of all or part of the Patient Portal without prior notice at any time for any reason. HNL Lab Medicine reserves the right to terminate inactive Patient Portal accounts in its sole discretion.

### **Copyright and Trademark Notice**

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### **Use of Third Party Materials**

HNL Lab Medicine wants to provide users of the Patient Portal with information, services, and products that are valuable to them. Featured programs and other site content within the Patient Portal may link users to third party sites. HNL Lab Medicine does not control and is not responsible for the terms and conditions, privacy policies or practices of any third-party sites. If you link to third party sites from this site, HNL Lab Medicine encourages you to consult the policy statements of each site you visit.

HNL Lab Medicine makes no representations whatsoever about any other website that you may access though the Patient Portal. When you access a non-HNL Lab Medicine website, please understand that it is independent from HNL Lab Medicine, and that HNL Lab Medicine has no control over the content on that website. In addition, a hyperlink to a non-HNL Lab Medicine website does not mean that HNL Lab Medicine endorses or accepts any responsibility for the content, or the use, of the linked site. It is up to you to take precautions to ensure that whatever you select for your use or download from that site is free of such items as viruses, worms, trojan horses, and other items of a destructive nature, and that such use or download complies with copyright and other applicable laws.

## **Disclaimer of Warranty**

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# **Limitation of Liability**

YOUR USE OF THE PATIENT PORTAL, ANY CONTENT ON THIS PATIENT PORTAL, AND/OR THE SERVICES IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. HNL SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY, WHETHER BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH ACCESS TO OR USE OF THE PORTAL OR THE SERVICES, EVEN IF HNL HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, IN NO EVENT SHALL HNL, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, PARTNERS, SUPPLIERS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS OR ANYONE ELSE INVOLVED IN CREATING, PRODUCING OR DELIVERING THE PATIENT PORTAL OR THE INFORMATION, SERVICES AND MATERIALS CONTAINED HEREIN, BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR ANY DAMAGES WHATSOEVER RESULTING FROM LOSS OF USE, DATA OR PROFITS, WHETHER IN AN ACTION OF CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER TORTIOUS ACTION, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH: (A) THE USE OR INABILITY TO USE THE PATIENT PORTAL, (B) ANY CLAIM ATTRIBUTABLE TO ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR OTHER INACCURACIES IN THE PATIENT PORTAL, (C) ANY UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO OR ALTERATION OF YOUR DATA, OR (d) ANY OTHER MATTER RELATED TO THE PATIENT PORTAL. HNL'S MAXIMUM LIABILITY TO YOU SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID FOR THE SERVICES, IF ANY. YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PATIENT PORTAL WILL BE TO STOP USING IT.

YOU ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH ABOVE ARE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PATIENT PORTAL WOULD NOT BE PROVIDED TO YOU ABSENT SUCH LIMITATIONS.



## Indemnification

You agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless HNL Lab Medicine, its officers, directors, employees, agents, partners, advertisers and suppliers from any liability, loss, claim, and expense (including attorneys' fees) resulting from a violation of these Terms of Use, or any activity relating to your use of the Patient Portal, including without limitation, infringement of third parties' worldwide intellectual property rights, negligent, or wrongful conduct by you or any other person at your direction accessing the Patient Portal. Your obligations under this paragraph shall survive and continue in full force and effect after the expiration or termination of your Patient Portal account or the Patient Portal itself.

### Choice of Law and Venue

You agree that these Terms of Use, as well as any suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or in connection with any dispute relating to the Patient Portal shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, excluding any conflicts of laws provisions. These Terms of Use are entered into in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Each party to these Terms of Use submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in Lehigh County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and waives any jurisdictional, venue, or inconvenient forum objections to such courts. In any action to enforce these Terms of Use, the prevailing party will be entitled to costs and attorneys' fees. In the event that any of the Terms of Use are held by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, such provisions shall be limited or eliminated to the minimum extent necessary so that these Terms of Use shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

# **Notice of Privacy Practices**

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.

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## **Uses and Disclosures of Health Information**

At Health Network Laboratories (HNL Lab Medicine), we may use and disclose health information about you for treatment purposes, to obtain payment for services and for operational purposes. Treatment means the provision, coordination, or management of health care and related services, including consultations and referrals among health care providers. HNL Lab Medicine may provide laboratory testing-related information to your physician(s). Payment generally means obtaining reimbursement for the provision of health care services. Payment also includes, but is not limited to: determinations of eligibility with your insurer or insurance coverage; risk adjustment; billing; claims management; collection activities; and utilization review activities. HNL Lab Medicine may provide health information to your insurance company in order to receive reimbursement for services. Operational purposes means activities that are necessary for HNL Lab Medicine's operations. These activities include, but are not limited to: quality assessment; credentialing; underwriting; legal services; and business planning and development, as well as general administrative activities. HNL Lab Medicine may use patient demographic information to understand our covered service area.

HNL Lab Medicine may use or disclose identifiable information about you without your authorization or permission for several other reasons. These reasons include:

- To a family member, other relative, or a close personal friend or for disaster relief. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose to a family member, other relative, or a close personal friend, or any other person you identify, such health information directly relevant to the person's involvement with your care or payment of care. HNL Lab Medicine will attempt to obtain your agreement to such use or disclosure, if possible. If agreement is not possible due to incapacity or an emergency circumstance, HNL Lab Medicine will exercise its professional judgment in disclosing health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement with your health care.
- As required by law. A federal, state or local law may require HNL Lab Medicine to use or disclose your health information.
- For public health activities. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information to a public health authority or for public health activities, such as notifying a person about exposure to a communicable disease, or participating in a public health investigation.
- For health oversight activities. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information to a government agency that
  oversees the health care system.
- For judicial and administrative proceedings. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information pursuant to a court order, subpoena, discovery request or other legal process.
- To law enforcement. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information to law enforcement under limited circumstances, such as to comply with a court order, search warrant, or administrative request.
- To coroners and medical examiners. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information to a coroner or medical examiner for the purposes of identification, determining a cause of death, or other duties as authorized by law.
- For organ, eye or tissue donation. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information to an organ procurement organization or other entities engaged in procurement in order to facilitate procurement.
- For research purposes. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose your health information to a researcher provided the researcher has met certain conditions.
- To avert a serious threat to health or safety. HNL Lab Medicine may use or disclose your health information if it, in good faith, believes that such information is necessary to avert a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public or to identify or apprehend a suspect.



- For specialized government functions. Your health information may be disclosed for military, national security, intelligence, or correctional or custodial activities.
- For workers' compensation. HNL Lab Medicine may disclose health information regarding work-related injuries in compliance with workers' compensation laws.

In other situations, we will ask for your written authorization before using or disclosing any identifiable health information about you. If you chose to sign an authorization to disclose information, you can later revoke that authorization to stop any future uses and disclosures. The following uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization: (i) uses and disclosures for marketing purposes; (ii) uses and disclosures that constitute the sale of health information; (iii) most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes; and (iv) other uses and disclosures not described in this notice.

HNL Lab Medicine is required to notify you of any breach of unsecured health information about you.

HNL Lab Medicine may change our policies at any time and make the new policies effective for all information we maintain. Before we make any significant change in our policies, we will change our notice and post the new notice in the waiting area of all our Patient Service Centers and on our external website (www.hnl.com). You can request a copy of our notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, contact the HNL Lab Medicine representative listed below.

### **Individual Rights**

You have the right to request that HNL Lab Medicine restrict the manner in which we communicate health information to you. Your request must be in writing, and HNL Lab Medicine will accommodate any reasonable request to provide health information by alternative means or at alternative locations. Please forward your written request to the HNL Lab Medicine representative listed below.

With few limitations, you have the right to look at and/or get a copy of your health information that HNL Lab Medicine has on file. You, or your personal representative, may request access to completed laboratory test reports which, using HNL Lab Medicine's authentication process, can be identified as belonging to you. Such requests must be in writing. If you request copies, we may charge you a per page fee to cover costs. If we deny you access to requested information, you may appeal the denial in certain circumstances. If you believe that information in your record is incorrect or incomplete, you have the right to request that we correct, or add to, the existing information. This request must be made in writing and be supported by a reason. We have the right to deny the request. Please forward your written request to access or amend information to the HNL Lab Medicine representative listed below.

You have the right to receive a list of instances where we have disclosed health information about you for reasons other than treatment, payment or related administrative purposes during the previous six (6) years. This request must also be made in writing. HNL Lab Medicine is not required to account for disclosures made before HIPAA's effective date. We reserve the right to charge for multiple requests for disclosure to cover costs incurred.

You have the right to request in writing that we not use or disclose your information for treatment, payment or operational purposes, or to family, friends and individuals involved in your care. We will consider your request but are not legally required to accept it. If you have paid for services out-of-pocket, in full, you also have the right to request that we not disclose health information relating solely to those services to your health plan, except when we are required by law to do so.

### 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 HNL Lab Medicine representative listed below. You may also send a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The HNL Lab Medicine representative listed below can provide you with the appropriate address upon request. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

## **Our Legal Duty**

HNL Lab Medicine is required by law to protect the privacy of your information, provide this notice about our information practices, and follow the information practices of this notice.

If you have any questions or complaints, please contact:

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