
**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.**

Your Health Care Information - Protecting Your Privacy

It is your right as a patient to be informed of the privacy practices of your health care provider as well as your privacy rights with respect to your personal health information. This Notice of Privacy Practices (the "Notice") is intended to provide you with this information.

Forefront Dermatology Responsibilities

It is your right as a patient to be informed of Forefront Dermatology's legal duties with respect to protection of the privacy of your protected health information ("PHI").

Forefront Dermatology is required to:

- ☐ Maintain the privacy of your health information; ☐
- ☐ Provide you with a notice of the legal duties and privacy practices regarding PHI collected and maintained about you; ☐
- ☐ Notify you if you are affected by a breach of unsecured PHI; and ☐
- ☐ Abide by the terms of this notice. ☐

Forefront Dermatology reserves the right to change our privacy practices and update this Notice accordingly. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed Notice effective for PHI we already have about you as well as any PHI we receive in the future.

Forefront Dermatology will not use or disclose your PHI without your authorization, except as described in this notice.

Your Rights Regarding Your PHI

NOTE: *All written requests must be made in writing to the Forefront Dermatology Privacy Officer at the address below.*

You have the right to:

- ☐ **Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your PHI.** ☐

You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your PHI. Requests for restrictions must be in writing, as specified above. You must advise Forefront Dermatology: (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit Forefront Dermatology's internal use, disclosure to third parties, or both; and (3) to whom you want the limit(s) to apply. We are not required to agree to your request, except when you request that we restrict disclosure of your PHI to a health plan for a health care item or service for which you have paid out-of-pocket in full and the disclosure is for the purpose of carrying out payment or health care operations, and not otherwise required by law.

☐ **Receive Confidential Communications.**

You have the right to request that Forefront Dermatology communicate your PHI to you by alternative means or at alternative locations. We will use our best efforts to accommodate reasonable requests. For example, you may request to be contacted at a phone number that is different from the phone number listed in your health care record.

☐ **Access your health record.**

You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy of your health care record. This request for access to your health care record must be submitted in writing, as specified above. This right may not apply to certain types of psychotherapy notes. Forefront Dermatology may charge you a reasonable fee for a copy of your health care record.

We will inform you if we cannot fulfill your request, and you can ask us to reconsider the denial by contacting our Privacy Officer at the address below. Depending upon why the denial was made, we may ask a licensed health care professional to review your request and the denial.

You have the right to access your electronic health information in accordance with applicable laws.

☐ **Amend your health record.**

If you believe that any PHI in your records is incorrect or incomplete, you may submit a written request (as specified above) to correct the information in your records. We may deny your request if you ask us to amend PHI that is: (i) accurate and complete; (ii) not created by Forefront Dermatology; (iii) not part of the PHI kept by or for Forefront Dermatology; or (iv) not PHI that you would be permitted to inspect and copy. If we deny your request, you can ask us, in writing, to review that denial.

☐ **Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your PHI.**

You have the right to an “accounting of disclosures,” which is a list of disclosures of your PHI that we have made to outside parties, except for: (i) those necessary to carry out treatment, payment and healthcare operations; (ii) disclosures made before April 14, 2003; (iii) disclosures made to you; (iv) disclosures you authorized; and (v) certain other disclosures. You may receive one accounting per year at no charge; we may charge you a reasonable fee for each subsequent request.

Your request for an accounting of disclosures must be in writing, as specified above, and must state a time period that may not be longer than six years prior to the date the accounting was requested.

☐ **Obtain a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.**

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice upon request. For example, if you received the notice electronically, you may request that Forefront Dermatology provide a paper copy of the notice.

How We May Use and Disclose Your PHI

☐ **For Treatment.** Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI in the provision, coordination or management of your health care.

Example: Physicians involved in your care will need PHI relating to your history, symptoms, disease and prognosis in order to coordinate care for you.

Example: Forefront Dermatology may use your PHI to provide you with an appointment reminder.

Example: Forefront Dermatology may send you information about treatment alternatives or other health related services that may be of interest to you.

- ☐ **For Payment.** Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI to obtain reimbursement for the provision of health care services. The bill may include information that identifies you, your diagnosis and your treatment.☐

Example: Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your information to your insurer to obtain payment for the provision of health care services, or to obtain prior authorization for the service.

- ☐ **For Health Care Operations.** Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI for our health care operations.☐

Example: Forefront Dermatology may use your PHI to assess the care and outcomes in your case or to, as a whole, improve the quality and effectiveness of the health care we provide.

- ☐ **To Business Associates.** Forefront Dermatology may disclose your PHI to “business associates” who provide services to or on behalf of Forefront Dermatology.
- ☐ **Communication with Individuals Involved in Your Care.** Unless you tell us otherwise, we may share your PHI with friends, family members or others you have identified or who are involved in your care. We may share your PHI with disaster relief organizations so that your family, friends or others you have identified can be notified of your location and condition in case of disaster or other emergency.☐
- ☐ **Research:** Under certain circumstances, Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI for research purposes. Under certain circumstances, we may share your PHI for research purposes without your written permission. All research projects are, however, subject to a special approval process. Most research projects will require your specific permission if a researcher will have access to information that identifies you.☐
- ☐ **As Required by Law:** Forefront Dermatology will disclose your PHI where required by law. For example, federal law may require your PHI to be released to an appropriate health oversight agency, public health authority or attorney.☐
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- ☐ **Workers compensation:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose PHI to the extent authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with laws relating to workers’ compensation or other similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.☐
- ☐ **Public Health:** We may disclose your PHI for public health activities. For example, Forefront Dermatology may disclose your protected PHI to State agencies for the purpose of statutory reporting.☐
- ☐ **Health Oversight Activities:** We may share your PHI with a health oversight agency for audits, investigations, inspections and licensure necessary for the government to monitor the health care system and government programs.☐
- ☐ **Public Safety:** We may use and disclose your PHI when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety, or the health and safety of the public or another person.☐
- ☐ **Victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose PHI if Forefront Dermatology reasonably believes that an individual is a victim of child or elderly abuse.☐
- ☐ **Judicial and Administrative Proceedings:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose your PHI in response to a court or administrative order, a subpoena, a warrant, a discovery request or other lawful due process.☐

- ❑ **Law enforcement:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose your PHI for law enforcement purposes as authorized or required by law or other lawful due process. For example, we may be required by law to report certain types of wounds or other physical injuries.❑
- ❑ **Coroner or Medical Examiner:** Forefront Dermatology may release PHI to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary to identify a deceased person or to determine the cause of death. We may also release your PHI to a funeral director, as necessary, to carry out his/her duties.❑
- ❑ **For cadaveric organ, eye or tissue donation purposes:** We may release your PHI to organizations that handle organ, eye or tissue donation and transplantation.❑
- ❑ **Specialized Government Functions:** If you are a member of the armed forces, we may share your PHI with the military for military command purposes. We may also release PHI about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.❑
- ❑ **Correctional Institution:** Should you be an inmate of a correctional institution, Forefront Dermatology may disclose to limited staff of the institution or agents thereof PHI necessary for your health and the health and safety of other individuals.❑

Other Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI

We may use or disclose your PHI as described above without your authorization. Other uses and disclosures of PHI not described in this Notice will be made only with your authorization. We will obtain your written authorization for: (i) most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes; (ii) most uses and disclosures of PHI for marketing purposes, as defined by HIPAA; and (iii) disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI, as defined by HIPAA. If you give us authorization to use or disclose your PHI, then you may revoke that authorization, in writing, at any time. Your revocation will be effective upon receipt, but will not be effective to the extent that Forefront Dermatology or others have acted in reliance upon the authorization.

Patient Complaint Process

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with Forefront Dermatology or with the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services electronically via the OCR Complaint Portal, or on paper by mail, fax or via e-mail (OCRComplaint@hhs.gov). We will not take any action against you for filing a complaint.

To file a complaint with Forefront Dermatology please contact the Forefront Dermatology's Privacy Officer who will provide you with the necessary assistance.

Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your privacy rights or the information in this notice, please contact:

Privacy Officer
Forefront Dermatology
801 York Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220
Phone: 920-663-0505
privacy.officer@forefrontderm.com

Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement of receipt

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

By signing this form, you acknowledge receipt of the “Notice of Privacy Practices” (the “Notice”) of Forefront Dermatology, S.C. and its affiliated practices (collectively, “Forefront”). Our Notice provides information about how we may use and disclose your protected health information. We encourage you to read it in full.

Our Notice is subject to change. If we change our Notice, you may obtain a copy of the revised Notice on our website at forefrontdermatology.com or by contacting our practice at 855-535-7175.

Please note that Forefront may communicate with you in the following ways, unless you instruct us otherwise:

- In Forefront’s discretion, information of a confidential nature may be left on your voicemail or answering machine at the preferred number(s) indicated below or with a friend or family member who answers the telephone at one of the preferred numbers or at your residence and who can verify your address and date of birth. Such message may include, without limitation, reminders of upcoming scheduled appointments, information regarding your pathology or laboratory tests, billing information or answers to medical questions you may have inquired about to our staff. If you are signing this form via an electronic method which does not allow you to provide your preferred phone number and email address above, these communication policies shall apply to the phone numbers and email addresses you provide to Forefront staff for the above stated purpose.

Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
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Preferred Email Address _____	

- Forefront may also communicate with you via e-mail, text message, or post card to your home address provided such method complies with applicable HIPAA communication standards. I understand the risks of communication by unencrypted email and SMS text.
- You specifically authorize and give your express consent to receive autodialed and/or pre-recorded calls—including voice and short message service (SMS) text messages and other electronic messages—from, or on behalf of, Forefront and its representatives at the number(s) provided above or an appropriate e-mail address to communicate appointment reminders, notifications regarding the availability of pathology or laboratory results, billing and collection information and marketing or advertising messages offering products or services that may be of interest to you. Forefront may receive direct or indirect payment for these marketing messages. You understand that by providing your telephone number and/or e-mail address to Forefront, you consent to being contacted using the above-described methods. If you receive communications from Forefront, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of future communications by responding “STOP” or through another easily used mechanism, should you make that choice. You understand that you are not required to sign this agreement in order to receive treatment and that your consent is not a condition of purchasing or using any services offered by Forefront.
- If you have any questions about our Notice, please contact our HIPAA Privacy Officer – Phone: 920-663-0505, e-mail: privacy.officer@forefrontderm.com

Information Exchange: By signing this form you are opting in to Forefront’s ability to participate in and share information with health information exchanges (HIEs). A Health Information Exchange is a secure system that allows doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers to share your health information electronically. HIEs help your healthcare team by giving your doctors a complete picture of your health, ensuring they have the right information at the right time. Protecting your privacy is a top priority. HIEs use strict security measures to keep your data safe. If you desire to opt out of participation, email your request to compliance@forefrontderm.com or call 920-663-0505.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of Forefront’s Notice of Privacy Practices and understand and agree to how Forefront may communicate regarding the patient; I do so as the patient or legal representative of the above referenced patient if the patient does not have the legal capacity to acknowledge (for example: minors under the age of 18 (19 in the state of Alabama) or incapacitated patients with an active power of attorney).

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative _____

Date _____

Relationship to Patient

For Office Use Only

Complete this section if this form is not signed and dated by the patient or patient’s legal representative.

Reasons why the acknowledgement was not obtained:

- ☐ Patient or legal representative refused to sign this Acknowledgement even though the patient or legal representative was asked to do so and the Notice of Privacy Practices were made available.
- ☐ Other _____

Employee Name

Date

Consent to Clinical Procedures

Patient Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Date of Birth: _____

I hereby consent to the medical and surgical care and treatment, as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the judgment of my physician or other clinician. This may include, but is not limited to, laboratory procedures (including diagnostic testing such as lab draws and skin biopsies), medical and surgical treatments or procedures (including wart treatments, lesion destructions, surgical removals, or excisions), or other services rendered during my visit with Forefront Dermatology, S.C. or its affiliated practices ("Forefront").

In order to ensure that you understand all aspects of your visit, you are encouraged to ask any questions or clarify any procedures prior to their being performed. Our dermatology clinicians will answer any questions and discuss any procedures, concerns and goals with you in regard to the following:

- Benefits of the proposed procedure
- The way the treatment or procedure is to be performed
- Alternative treatment options
- Probable consequences of not receiving the treatment
- The right to withdraw informed consent at any time, in writing
- Risk and side effects involved with the procedure
- Potential for additional incurred charges

Should a biopsy be performed, or any other procedure in which a section of your skin is removed, the specimen will be sent to a pathology lab for an accurate diagnosis, unless otherwise recommended by your clinician. This process will involve any testing necessary including special staining or outside consultations which will incur additional charges.

With the automatic release of test results to your electronic medical record, it is possible that you will see results in your record before your physician or other clinician. Your treating clinician is trained to interpret your results based on your specific medical history and condition, and to reach a proper diagnosis and develop a proper treatment plan. I understand that, to avoid unnecessary concern, I am encouraged to speak with my clinician about any new concerning results.

I acknowledge that some medical diagnoses (such as warts) will require multiple treatments with one or more methods that may change throughout the course of treatment, and each office visit and procedure will be billed accordingly.

With any procedure, there are risks involved which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Scar – Scarring is possible with any procedure of the skin. We will do everything we can to provide you with the best cosmetic result possible, but the final cosmetic outcome is not guaranteed.
- Discoloration – pigment producing cells of the skin are sensitive, and darkening or lightening of the skin may occur with any procedure.
- Infection – The entire procedure will be done in a sterile and/or clean fashion. Still, a small number of people will get a wound infection.
- Bleeding – Some procedure cause bleeding. Significant bleeding is rare, but some patients are at increased risk of post-operative bleeding that may require additional intervention.
- Nerve damage – This will be discussed with you by your clinician if it is a known risk of your procedure.

Forefront is committed to creating a safe environment for all patients and understands that the relationship between the clinician and the patient requires a high level of trust and professional responsibility. It also requires interactions that at times can involve sensitive physical examinations. To protect you and your clinician it is Forefront's policy that a chaperone or other third party be present for all sensitive medical examinations. The chaperone or third party is a member of our staff who serves as a reassuring presence for you and your clinician during your exam or procedure at no additional cost to you. I understand that I may opt out of having a chaperone or third party present for certain examinations or procedures and that the clinician may decline to examine or treat me at their discretion if a chaperone or third party is not present. I acknowledge that I can speak to a staff member or my clinician if I have questions or concerns.

The person providing some or all of your treatment may be acting under supervision and delegation of a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner ("Licensed Clinician"). Some state scope of practice laws require an assessment by a Licensed Clinician be performed prior to receiving certain medical or cosmetic procedures. Such laws allow these procedures to be performed by an assistant under delegation and supervision of the Licensed Clinician. Such person is acting in the capacity of a medical assistant when performing the service, regardless of whether they have other credentials or licenses (e.g. licensed esthetician). If you have any questions, please discuss with your Licensed Clinician.

I authorize pictures to be taken before, during and after procedures. These pictures and digital images will become part of your medical record and may be used or disclosed as permitted by HIPAA. They may also be sent to your family physician and/or referring physician.

Assignment of Benefits / Insurance Filing: I hereby assign to Forefront all my rights and claims for reimbursement under my health insurance policy. I agree to provide information as needed to establish my eligibility for such benefits. If the clinician treating you is not contracted with your insurance plan, we will bill your insurance plan for charges incurred at our clinic as a courtesy to you. Please remember that your health insurance is a contract between you and your insurance plan. We will furnish information required by the insurance plan to receive payment. Our office will make an attempt to settle any outstanding bill with your insurance plan. You agree to be responsible for the balance of the costs of the services provided to you that are not reimbursed by your insurance plan. Benefits should be paid directly to the Practice from your insurance plan. If your insurance plan reimburses you directly for any outstanding amounts due to us, payment will be expected by us within 10 days. If the clinician treating you is contracted with your insurance plan, we will furnish information required by the insurance plan to receive payment. If your insurance deems a service to be not covered by your insurance plan, you agree to be responsible for the balance of this service to the extent permitted by applicable law and insurance plan contracts.

I have read the consent form in its entirety. I understand the risks associated with procedures that may occur during my visits at Forefront. I do not impose any limitations on Forefront and its staff. I understand that I should discuss any questions or concerns with my dermatology clinician prior to any procedure and therefore, with my signature, agree to have any necessary procedures performed. If I would like to withdraw my consent at any time I will notify Forefront in writing.

The undersigned hereby provides consents as the patient or legal representative of the above referenced patient if the patient does not have the legal capacity to consent (for example: minors under the age of 18 (19 in the state of Alabama) or incapacitated patients with an active power of attorney).

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Date

Relationship to Patient

Patient Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

The following are internal policies set in place by Forefront Dermatology, S.C. and its affiliated practices ("Forefront"). Signature is required before services can be provided. Forefront is unable to accept any revisions to this form and any attempted changes shall be null and void.

Assignment of Benefits: I hereby assign to Forefront all my rights and claims for reimbursement under my health insurance policy. I agree to provide information as needed to establish my eligibility for such benefits.

Insurance Filing: If the clinician treating you is contracted with your insurance plan, we will furnish information required by the insurance plan to receive payment. If your insurance deems a service to be not covered by your insurance plan, you agree to be responsible for the balance of this service to the extent permitted by applicable law and insurance plan contracts.

If the clinician treating you is not contracted with your insurance plan, we will bill your insurance plan for charges incurred at our clinic as a courtesy to you. Please remember that your health insurance is a contract between you and your insurance plan. We will furnish information required by the insurance plan to receive payment. Our office will make an attempt to settle any outstanding bill with your insurance plan. You agree to be responsible for the balance of the costs of the services provided to you that are not reimbursed by your insurance plan. Benefits should be paid directly to the Practice from your insurance plan. If your insurance plan reimburses you directly for any outstanding amounts due to us, payment will be expected by us within 10 days.

Co-payments, Co-insurance, Deductible, & Cosmetic Procedures: Payment is due on the date of service prior to seeing the clinician. Deductible amounts may be collected prior to the clinician completing the service. Payment for a cosmetic procedure is due in full prior to treatment. There are no returns on cosmetic products sold unless such products are defective or, in the opinion of your clinician, caused an adverse reaction. A \$20.00 charge will be added for any non-sufficient funds notice from the bank. I understand and agree that I will be responsible for all legal fees and other costs of collection if my account is turned over to an attorney or agency for collection in which case your visit/s with our office may become a matter of public record.

Bad Debt Account Status: I realize that if my account is in bad debt I may be required to pay a **down payment** of \$150.00 prior to my scheduled appointment. Forefront has the right to apply the down payment to any outstanding balance or bad debt balance first. This provision does not apply to patients who currently have Medicaid health insurance coverage or to patients who are currently under bankruptcy or any other insolvency protection.

Medicaid Affidavit (ALL patients must answer):

At this time I represent and warrant that the patient **(DOES)** or **(DOES NOT)** have **Medicaid coverage**.

(Circle One - if unmarked, default is a representation that the patient does not have Medicaid currently. If you are completing this form on a system where you cannot circle one, please inform the staff immediately if the patient has Medicaid health insurance coverage)

If we find at a later time that you did not provide accurate information above, you will be responsible for the balance of the charges incurred. It is your responsibility to inform our office if you acquire any type of Medicaid coverage at a later time. If you don't provide the updated information to our office, you may be responsible for the balance of your bill. Not all locations and clinicians participate in Medicaid programs. The patient will be responsible for the full amount of services provided when this circumstance is applicable.

Non-insured Patients: Non-insured patients will be charged a **down payment** prior to seeing a clinician on the date of service. This is not considered payment in full. The down payments are determined by the individual clinic based on local considerations and will be at least as follows:

● New patient Office Visit: \$178 ● Established Patient Office Visit: \$150 ● Excision Visit: \$800 ● MOHS Visit: \$1,000

Final charges will be determined after the clinician sees the patient and a complete assessment is made. The clinician may require payment in full for procedural services prior to rendering such a service and/or may require payment in full for all services on the date of the visit.

Procedure Pricing: I understand that procedure estimates are only provided in writing. Written estimates must be requested prior to the appointment unless otherwise required by law.

Patient Communications: In Forefront's discretion, information of a confidential nature may be left on your voicemail or answering machine at the preferred number(s) you have provided to Forefront or with a friend or family member who answers the telephone at one of the preferred numbers or at your residence and who can verify your address and date of birth. Such messages may include, without limitation, reminders of upcoming scheduled appointments, information regarding your pathology or laboratory tests, billing information, or answers to medical questions you may have inquired about to our staff. Forefront may also communicate with you via e-mail, text message, or post card to your home address provided such method complies with applicable HIPAA communication standards. Confidential information will be treated in accordance with HIPAA and applicable state law.

You specifically authorize and give your express consent to receive autodialed and/or pre-recorded calls—including voice and short message service (SMS) text messages and other electronic messages—from, or on behalf of, Forefront and its representatives at the number(s) provided or an appropriate e-mail address to communicate appointment reminders, notifications regarding the availability of pathology or laboratory results, and billing and collection information. You understand that by providing your telephone number and/or e-mail address to Forefront, you consent to being contacted using the above-described methods. If you receive communications from Forefront, you will be given the opportunity to opt-out of future communications by responding "STOP" or through another easily used mechanism, should you make that choice.

Research: I authorize Forefront to contact me regarding any research study in which I may be eligible to participate relating to my care.

Open Payments Database Notice: The Open Payments database is a federal tool used to search payments made by drug and device companies to physicians and teaching hospitals. It can be found at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov>.

The undersigned hereby agrees to these terms as the patient or legal representative of the above referenced patient if the patient does not have the legal capacity to agree (for example: minors under the age of 18 (19 in the state of Alabama) or incapacitated patients with an active power of attorney).

_____, until revoked
Signature of Patient or Legal Representative **Date**

Relationship to Patient

Effective: 3/1/2025

Consent to Clinical Procedures

Patient Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Date of Birth: _____

I agree to receive any medical or surgical care that my doctor or clinician thinks is necessary. This may include lab tests (like blood draws or skin biopsies), treatments (such as wart removal or skin surgery), or other services provided during my visit to Forefront Dermatology or its partner clinics.

To help me understand my visit, I understand that I can ask any questions before any procedure is performed. The dermatology team will explain and discuss:

- What the procedure is for and the benefits
- How the procedure will be done
- Other treatment options
- What could happen if I didn't get the treatment
- My right to take back your consent at any time in writing
- Possible risks and side effects
- Any extra costs that may come up

I understand that:

Should a biopsy be performed, or any other procedure in which a section of my skin is removed, the specimen will be sent to a pathology lab for diagnosis, unless otherwise ordered by my clinician. This process may involve additional charges, including special staining or outside consultations.

Test results may appear in my electronic medical record before my clinician reviews them. My clinician will interpret the results based on my medical history and condition. To avoid confusion, I can talk to my clinician about any concerning results.

Some conditions, like warts, may require multiple treatments using different methods. Each visit and procedure will be billed separately.

All procedures carry some risks, which may include:

- **Scarring** – We aim for the best cosmetic result, but scarring is possible and not guaranteed to be avoided.
- **Skin discoloration** – The skin may darken or lighten due to its sensitivity.
- **Infection** – Although procedures are done in clean conditions, infections can still occur.
- **Bleeding** – Some procedures may cause bleeding. While serious bleeding is rare, some patients may need extra care.
- **Nerve damage** – This may be a possible risk or side effect for your procedure. You may discuss any questions you have with your clinician.

As part of its commitment to providing a safe and comfortable clinical environment for all patients, Forefront Dermatology may provide a staff member to chaperone exams involving sensitive areas. These are provided at no extra cost. Patients may choose not to have a chaperone, but in that case, the clinician may decide not to proceed with the exam or treatment. Patients can speak with a staff member or clinician about any questions or concerns.

Someone who helps with my treatment may be working under the supervision of a licensed doctor, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner ("Licensed Clinician"). This assistant is considered a medical assistant during the procedure, even if they have other qualifications (such as a licensed aesthetician). In some states, a Licensed Clinician must first conduct an assessment before certain medical or cosmetic procedures are performed by the assistant under the Licensed Clinician's supervision. Patients with questions can speak to their Licensed Clinician.

Photography Consent: I give permission for photos to be taken before, during, and after my procedures. These images will be part of my medical record and may be shared as allowed by HIPAA, including with my family physician or referring doctor.

Insurance and Billing Agreement: I allow Forefront to claim insurance benefits on my behalf. I'll provide any needed information to confirm my coverage. If my clinician isn't in-network, Forefront will still bill my insurance as a courtesy. I understand that I'm responsible for any costs not covered by my insurance. Payments from insurance should go directly to Forefront. If I receive reimbursement instead, I must pay Forefront within 10 days. If my insurance deems a service to not be covered by my insurance plan, I agree to be responsible for the balance of this service to the extent permitted by applicable law and insurance plan contracts.

If I am signing on behalf of a patient who cannot legally give consent (such as a minor under 18 – or under 19 in Alabama or Nebraska – or someone with a legal guardian), I confirm that I have the authority to do so.

I agree that any legal claim or civil action, including but not limited to a claim for medical malpractice, arising from or related to medical care provided by this practice or its employees, must be filed only in the courts of the county where the service was provided.

By signing this Consent, I understand and agree that Forefront Dermatology may use and share my excess tissue left over after a biopsy or procedure for its educational and research purposes internally and with research partners, including companies, instead of disposal after legally required retention periods, and in accordance with law.

I have read and understand this consent form, including the risks of any procedures I may have during my visits to Forefront. I agree to have any necessary procedures done and understand I can ask questions before they happen. If I decide to withdraw my consent, I will notify Forefront in writing.

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Date

Relationship to Patient

Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement of Receipt

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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- We may leave confidential messages on your voicemail or answering machine at the phone number(s) you provide, or with someone who answers your phone and can confirm your identity. These messages may include, without limitation, appointment reminders, test results, billing details, or responses to your medical questions. If you're signing this form electronically and can't enter your contact details, we'll use the phone number and email address you've given to our staff for these communications.

Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
Preferred Email Address _____	

- Forefront may contact you by email, text, or postcard if it follows HIPAA rules. You understand that email and text messages may not be secure.
- You agree to receive calls and messages from or on behalf of Forefront Dermatology and its representatives, including automated or recorded voice calls, text messages, and emails, at the phone number(s) or email address you provided. These communications may include appointment reminders, test results, billing updates, and promotional offers. Forefront may be paid directly or indirectly for sending marketing messages. Messaging frequency may vary. Message and data rates may apply. You can opt out of these messages anytime by replying "STOP" or using another easy method. Signing this form is not required to receive treatment or services.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIVACY PRACTICES & COMMUNICATION CONSENT

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Signature of Patient or Legal Representative _____

Date _____

Relationship to Patient _____

For Office Use Only

Complete this section if this form is not signed and dated by the patient or patient's legal representative.

Reasons why the acknowledgement was not obtained:

- ☐ Patient or legal representative refused to sign this Acknowledgement even though the patient or legal representative was asked to do so and the Notice of Privacy Practices were made available.
- ☐ Other _____

Employee Name

Date

Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement of Receipt

Patient Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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The Notice may change over time. You can get the latest version on our website at forefrontdermatology.com or by calling us at 855-535-7175.

Forefront may contact you in the following ways unless you tell us not to:

- We may leave confidential messages on your voicemail or answering machine at the phone number(s) you provide, or with someone who answers your phone and can confirm your identity. These messages may include, without limitation, appointment reminders, test results, billing details, or responses to your medical questions. If you're signing this form electronically and can't enter your contact details, we'll use the phone number and email address you've given to our staff for these communications.

Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
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Preferred Email Address _____	

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Consent & Signature: You must sign this form before receiving services. Changes to this form are not accepted and will be considered invalid.

Assignment of Benefits: I hereby assign to Forefront all my rights and claims for reimbursement under my health insurance policy. I agree to provide information as needed to establish my eligibility for such benefits.

Insurance & Payments:

In-Network Providers: If your clinician is in-network, we'll submit the necessary paperwork to your insurance.

Out-of-Network Providers: If your clinician is not in-network, we'll still bill your insurance as a courtesy. You're responsible for any unpaid balance.

If your insurance pays you directly, you must pay Forefront within 10 days. If your insurance deems a service to not be covered by your insurance plan, you agree to be responsible for the balance of this service to the extent permitted by applicable law and insurance plan contracts.

Payment Requirements:

Co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles are due **before** your appointment.

Cosmetic procedures must be paid in full before treatment. Cosmetic products are **non-refundable**, unless defective or causing an unanticipated reaction.

A **\$20 fee** applies for bounced payments. If your account goes to collections, you'll be responsible for legal and collection fees. Your visits may become public record.

Bad Debt Accounts: If your account is in bad debt, you may need to pay **\$150 upfront** before your next appointment. This payment may be used to cover any outstanding balance. ****This rule does not apply to patients with Medicaid or those under bankruptcy protection.****

Medicaid Affidavit (ALL patients must answer):

At this time I represent and warrant that the patient **(DOES)** or **(DOES NOT)** have **Medicaid coverage**.

(Circle One - if unmarked, default is a representation that the patient does not have Medicaid currently. If you are completing this form on a system where you cannot circle one, please inform the staff immediately if the patient has Medicaid health insurance coverage)

Important Insurance & Medicaid Information

If we later find that the information you gave us wasn't accurate, you'll be responsible for any charges that weren't covered. If you get Medicaid coverage after your visit, it's your responsibility to let us know. If you don't update us, you may have to pay the full bill.

Please note: Not all Forefront locations or clinicians accept Medicaid. If you receive care at a location or from a provider that doesn't participate in Medicaid, you'll be responsible for the full cost of your visit.

For Patients Without Insurance: If you don't have insurance, you'll need to pay a down payment before seeing a clinician. This is not the full cost of your visit. The final amount will be determined after your appointment. The down payments are determined by the individual clinic based on local considerations and will be as follows:

Minimum Down Payments: New Patient Visit: \$178 Established Patient Visit: \$150 Excision Procedure: \$800 Mohs Procedure: \$1,000

Your clinician may ask for full payment for procedures before they're done or for all services on the day of your visit.

Procedure Pricing Estimates: If you'd like a cost estimate for a procedure, you must request it in writing before your appointment, unless the law requires otherwise. Verbal estimates are not provided.

I understand that procedure estimates are only provided in writing. Written estimates must be requested prior to the appointment unless otherwise required by law.

Patient Communications & Consent Summary: Forefront Dermatology may contact you using the phone number(s) or email address you provide. This may include:

Leaving messages on your voicemail or with someone who answers your phone and can confirm your identity.

Sending emails, text messages, or postcards about appointments, test results, billing, or medical questions you've asked.

These communications will follow HIPAA and state privacy laws.

You also give permission to receive automated calls, texts, and emails from Forefront or its representatives. These may include:

- Appointment reminders
- Lab or pathology results
- Billing and payment updates

By providing your contact information, you agree to receive these messages. You can opt out at any time by replying "STOP" or using another method we provide.

Research: I authorize Forefront to contact me regarding any research study in which I may be eligible to participate relating to my care.

Open Payments Database Notice: The Open Payments database is a federal tool used to search payments made by drug and device companies to physicians and teaching hospitals. It can be found at <https://openpaymentsdata.cms.gov>.

The undersigned hereby agrees to these terms as the patient or legal representative of the above referenced patient if the patient does not have the legal capacity to agree (for example: minors under the age of 18 (19 in the state of Alabama or Nebraska) or incapacitated patients with an active power of attorney).

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative

Date

_____ until revoked

Relationship to Patient

Effective: 3/1/2026

Authorization for Disclosure of Health Information

I hereby authorize the use of disclosure of my individually identifiable health information as described below. I understand that this authorization is voluntary. I understand that if the organization authorized to receive the information is not a health plan or health care provider; the released information may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations.

Patient Information:

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone Number _____ Previous Name _____

Authorizes:

Name of Health Care Provider / Plan / Other _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

To Disclose To:

- ☐ **Self** *Delivery Options:* ☐ Pick Up ☐ Mail to Address Above ☐ Email to me (address): _____
- ☐ **To be picked up by**, I hereby authorize _____ to pick up my records. (Photo ID required.)
- ☐ **Send to:** Name of Health Care Provider / Plan / Other _____
- ☐ By Mail (Address) _____
- ☐ By Fax (To #) _____ ☐ By Email (Address) _____

Information to be released:

- ☐ Office Visit Records ☐ Diagnostic Test Results ☐ Operative Reports
☐ Other Describe: _____

Release records from the time period of _____ to _____ *If left blank, only the past (2) years will be disclosed.*

Unless checked or listed below, I understand that the following information may be released (as defined by applicable state and federal laws).

Check and/or list if you do *not* want to disclose: ☐ Alcohol/Drug Abuse ☐ HIV Test Results ☐ Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities
☐ Genetic Testing/Counseling ☐ Other _____

Expiration: This authorization is valid for _____ (Maximum of ONE year. If left blank, authorization will expire in one year from the date signed.)

Purpose(s) of the disclosure: (check all that apply) ☐ Continued Care ☐ Insurance ☐ Legal ☐ Disability Determination
☐ Second Opinion ☐ Personal ☐ Other Describe: _____

Your Rights with Respect to this Authorization: I understand that I have a right to inspect and receive a copy of the material to be disclosed. I understand that written notification is necessary to revoke this authorization, except to the extent that information may have been released before receipt of this notice. My decision to sign this authorization will not affect my treatment. If this information is being disclosed to an individual or entity that is not a health care provider or health plan, it may be subject to re-disclosure and no longer protected. A photocopy/facsimile or scanned copy of this form is valid as the original.

Signature of Patient / Legal Representative
 (Form *MUST* be completed before signing)

 Date

If signed by a person other than the patient, complete the following:

1. Individual is: ☐ A Minor ☐ Legally incompetent or incapacitated ☐ Deceased
 2. Legal authority: ☐ Parent ☐ Legal guardian ☐ Next of kin/executor of deceased ☐ Activated POA for Health Care

*By signing above, I hereby declare that I have not been denied physical placement of this child.

Please return this completed form in person to any Forefront location, via fax to 920-328-9697 or email to: patientrecordrequests@forefrontderm.com
 Updated 10/24/2022

For Office Use Only:

Signature Verified ☐ Yes ☐ No

Completed by: _____

Date: _____

of pages released: _____

Incapacitated Patient Consent Form

Patient's name: _____

Patient's date of birth: ____/____/____

It is always desirable and recommended that a legal guardian/ Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) attend an incapacitated patient's appointment. Unfortunately, due to informed consent and contracting laws, we cannot treat the incapacitated patient until we have informed you of the specific diagnosis and suggested treatment they require and then receive your consent and approval. **If a legal guardian/DPOA is not present at the time of an incapacitated patient's appointment, the patient can only be evaluated, and only if a legal guardian/DPOA consents to the evaluation in advance by completing Section 1 below. Unfortunately, no treatment for a newly discovered condition can occur until authorized by a legal guardian/DPOA after receiving the appropriate information.**

1. Evaluation authorization by legal guardian/DPOA only: (Check one box only)

- ☐ I will be attending all appointments with the incapacitated patient and do not want the incapacitated patient evaluated unless I am present.
- ☐ I will not be attending follow up appointment(s) with the incapacitated patient and give consent and approval for any evaluation deemed appropriate by the provider. I understand that unless I am immediately available to consent or approval to any additional treatments, the incapacitated patient will need to come back for additional treatment after I provide the necessary authorization and consent.

2. Treatment authorization by legal guardian/DPOA only: (Check one box only)

- ☐ I will be attending all appointments with the incapacitated patient and will be present to give consent for and approval if a procedure is recommended. You may not treat the incapacitated patient without my consent or approval at the time of treatment.
- ☐ I will not be attending follow up appointment(s) with the incapacitated patient and give consent for and approval for ongoing care of any previously diagnosed conditions for which I have already provided authorization.

3. Insurance information:

If you **are** attending the appointment with the incapacitated patient, please present the insurance card(s) and photo identification to the receptionist.

If you **are not** attending the appointment(s) with the incapacitated patient, please have the incapacitated patient bring the card(s) to the appointment or attach a copy of the card(s) to this form. Also, send along any co-payments.

Name of guardian/DPOA: _____ **Guardian's/DPOA's date of birth:** ____/____/____

Guardian's/DPOA's relationship to patient: _____

4. Payment Policy:

The legal guardian/DPOA who signs this form will be responsible for all co-payments and deductibles. We do not forward bills to other parties regardless of court rulings. We will only respond to a court order that directs Forefront Dermatology to act in a certain way.

Guardian/DPOA Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** ____/____/____

5. Guardian's/DPOA's Contact information:

Guardian/DPOA (please print): First name _____ Last name _____

Phone (8 am-5 pm): ____ - ____ - ____ home / mobile / work (circle one)

Secondary # (8 am-5 pm): ____ - ____ - ____ home / mobile / work (circle one)

6. Copy of DPOA Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No

This consent must be signed in addition to obtaining a DPOA.

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Patient Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Date of Birth _____

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you previously signed a document expressly consenting to Forefront Dermatology, S.C., or its representatives contacting you for a variety of reasons by a variety of methods at the contact points you voluntarily provided. You have decided to change your preferred contact information as set forth below. You agree that Forefront Dermatology may continue to contact you, as previously agreed, at the new contact information voluntarily provided below.

Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
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Preferred Email Address _____	

X _____

(Signature of Patient or Legal Representative)

Parents may not sign for children over the age of 18.

Date _____

If signed by someone other than patient, indicate relationship: _____

Print name _____
(Legal representative)