#### APPENDIX III. TO THE FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

## **Summary of Health FSA HIPAA Privacy Policies and Procedures**

# **Effective September 1, 2013**

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.

#### OUR PLEDGE REGARDING MEDICAL INFORMATION

We understand that medical information about you and your health is personal. We are committed to protecting medical information about you. We create a record of the Health FSA claims reimbursed under the Plan for Plan administration purposes. This summary applies to all of the medical records we maintain with regard to the Health FSA. Your personal doctor or health care provider will have different policies or notices regarding the doctor's use and disclosure of your medical information created in the doctor's office or clinic. During the course of providing you with health coverage under the Health FSA, the Plan will have access to information about you that is deemed to be "protected health information", or PHI, by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA. In accordance with the Plan, the following is a summary of procedures adopted by the Employer to ensure that both Employer and any third party service providers treat your PHI with the level of protection required by HIPAA. You may receive a separate notice that provides more detailed information regarding the procedures adopted by Employer.

This summary will provide you with a general overview of the ways in which we may use and disclose medical information about you. We also describe your rights and certain obligations we have regarding the use and disclosure of medical information. In the event this summary conflicts with the separate Privacy Notice from Employer, the separate Privacy Notice controls.

We are required by law to:

- make sure that medical information that identifies you is kept private;
- give you this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to medical information about you; and
- follow the terms of the notice that is currently in effect.

Your PHI will be disclosed to certain employees of Employer who have specifically been authorized to have access to PHI and who have been trained as to how to safeguard PHI. These individuals may only use your PHI for Plan administration functions including those described below, provided they do not violate the provisions set forth herein. Any employee of Employer

who violates the rules for handling PHI established herein will be subject to adverse disciplinary action. Employer will establish a mechanism for resolving privacy issues and will take prompt corrective action to cure any violations.

By adoption of the SPD, Employer has certified that it will comply with the privacy procedures summarized herein and detailed in any separate privacy notice. Employer may not use or disclose your PHI other than as summarized herein or as required by law. Any agents or subcontractors who are provided your PHI must agree to be bound by the restrictions and conditions concerning your PHI found herein. Your PHI may not be used by Employer for any employment-related actions or decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of Employer. Employer must report to the Plan any uses or disclosures of your PHI of which the Employer becomes aware that are inconsistent with the provisions set forth herein.

# **HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU.**

The following categories describe different ways that we use and disclose medical information for purposes of Health FSA administration. For each category of uses or disclosures we will explain what we mean and try to give some examples. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted to use and disclose information will fall within one of the categories.

<u>For Payment (as described in applicable regulations)</u>. We may use and disclose medical information about you to determine eligibility for Plan benefits, to facilitate payment for the treatment and services you receive from health care providers, to determine benefit responsibility under the Plan, or to coordinate Plan coverage.

For Health Care Operations (as described in applicable regulations). We may use and disclose medical information about you for other Plan operations. These uses and disclosures are necessary to run the Plan, including functions such as quality assessment and improvement, compliance audits and business planning.

<u>As Required By Law.</u> We will disclose medical information about you when required to do so by federal, state, or local law. For example, we may disclose your PHI when required by national security laws or public health disclosure laws.

<u>To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety.</u> We may use and disclose medical information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. Any disclosure, however, would only be to someone able to help prevent the threat.

<u>Business</u> Associates. We may <u>contract</u> with individuals and entities (called Business Associates) to perform various functions on our behalf or to provide certain types of services. To perform

these functions or to provide the services, our Business Associates will receive, create, maintain, use, or disclose PHI, but only after we require the Business Associates to agree in writing to contract terms designed to appropriately safeguard your information. For example, we may disclose your PHI to a Business Associate to administer claims or to provide service support. An example of a Business Associate would be our third party administrator, who handles many of the functions in connection with the operation of our Health FSA.

Other Covered Entities. We may use or disclose your PHI to assist health care providers in connection with their treatment or payment activities, or to assist other covered entities in connection with payment activities and certain health care operations. For example, we may disclose your PHI to a health care provider when needed by the provider to render treatment to you, and we may disclose PHI to another covered entity to conduct health care operations in the areas of quality assurance and *improvement* activities, or accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing.

<u>Plan Sponsor.</u> PHI may be disclosed to the plan sponsor of the Health FSA for purposes of plan administration. The Health FSA may share enrollment information with the plan sponsor without your authorization.

<u>Security Breaches</u>. We may use or disclose your PHI when determining whether a security breach has occurred for purposes of the HIPAA Breach Notification Rules as set forth in 45 C.F.R. § 164, subpart D. We may also use or disclose your PHI in responding to a breach, as required under the HIPAA Breach Notification Rules. For example, if an individual hacks into our computer network, we would investigate the incident to determine the extent of the breach and if PHI had been accessed, used or disclosed in violation of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. If a breach for purposes of HIPAA has occurred, we would notify you of the breach. We may also be required to notify the media and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services of the breach but your PHI will not be disclosed when such entities are notified of the breach.

<u>GINA</u>. The plan sponsor and the Health FSA's business associates will not use or disclose PHI that is genetic information for underwriting purposes, as required by the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

### **SPECIAL SITUATIONS**

<u>Disclosure to Health Plan Sponsor</u>. Information may be disclosed to another health plan maintained by Employer for purposes of facilitating claims payments under that plan. In addition, medical information may be disclosed to Employer personnel solely for purposes of administering benefits under the Plan. <u>Organ and Tissue Donation</u>. If you are an organ donor, we may release medical information to organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye, or tissue transplantation or to an organ donation bank, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.

Military and Veterans. If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release medical information about you as required by military command authorities.

<u>Workers Compensation</u>. We may release medical information about you for workers compensation or similar programs.

<u>Public Health Risks</u>. We may disclose medical information about you for public health activities (e.g., to prevent or control disease, injury, or disability).

<u>Health Oversight Activities</u>. We may disclose medical information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as audits, investigations, inspections, or civil or administrative proceedings or actions.

Abuse or Neglect. We may disclose your PHI to a government authority that is authorized by law to receive reports of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence. Additionally, as required by law, we may disclose your PHI to a governmental entity authorized to receive such information if we believe that you have been a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

<u>Lawsuits and Disputes</u>. We may disclose your PHI: (1) in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding; (2) in response to an order of a court or administrative tribunal (to the extent such disclosure is expressly authorized); and (3) in response to a subpoena, a discovery request, or other lawful process, once we have met all administrative requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. For example, we may disclose your PHI in response to a court order for such information, but limited to the minimum amount of PHI necessary to comply with the terms of the order.

<u>Law Enforcement</u>. We may release medical information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official for law enforcement purposes. A reason for such a disclosure may include the need to locate or identify a material witness or missing person.

<u>Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors and Organ Donation</u>. We may disclose PHI to a coroner or medical examiner for purposes of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death, or for the coroner or medical examiner to perform other duties authorized by law. We also may disclose, as authorized by law, information to funeral directors so that they may carry out their duties. Further, we may disclose PHI to organizations that handle organ, eye, or tissue donation and transplantation.

<u>National Security and Intelligence Activities</u>. We may release medical information about you to authorized federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities authorized by law. Under certain conditions, we may disclose your PHI if you are, or were, Armed Forces personnel for activities deemed necessary by appropriate military command authorities.

<u>Research</u>. We may disclose your PHI to researchers but only to the extent allowed under HIPAA.

<u>Workers' Compensation</u>. We may disclose your PHI to comply with Workers' Compensation laws and other similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illnesses.

<u>Inmates</u>. If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release medical information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official.

Others Involved in Your Health Care. Using our best judgment, we may make your PHI known to a family member, other relative, close personal friend or other personal representative that you identify. Such a use will be based on how involved the person is in your care, or payment that relates to your care. We may release information to parents, guardians, and other personal representatives if allowed by law. We also may disclose your information to an entity assisting in a disaster relief effort so that your family can be notified about your condition, status, and location. If you are not present or able to agree to disclosures of your PHI to a family member or close friend, then, using our professional judgment, we may determine whether the disclosure is in your best interest.

## Required Disclosures of Your Protected Health Information

The following is a description of disclosures that we are required by law to make.

Disclosures to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 We are required to disclose your PHI to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services when the Secretary is investigating or determining our compliance with HIPAA.

#### Disclosures to You

We are required to disclose to you most of your PHI in a "designated record set" when you request access to this information. Generally, a "designated record set" contains medical and billing records, as well as other records that are used to make decisions about your health care benefits. We also are required to provide, upon your request, an accounting of most disclosures of your PHI that are for reasons other than treatment, payment and health care operations and are not disclosed through a signed authorization.

We will disclose your PHI to an individual who has been designated by you as your personal representative and who has qualified for such designation in accordance with relevant state law.

<u>Even if you designate a personal representative</u>, the HIPAA Privacy Rule permits us to elect not to treat the person as your personal representative if we have a reasonable belief that: (1) you have been, or may be, subjected to domestic violence, abuse, or neglect by such person; (2) treating such person as your personal representative could endanger you; or (3) we determine, in the exercise of our professional judgment, that it is not in your best interest to treat the person as your personal representative.

### YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

You have the following rights regarding medical information we maintain about you:

Right to Inspect and Copy. You have the right to inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make decisions about your Plan benefits. To inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make decisions about you, you must submit your request in writing to Personnel/Benefits Office, except as otherwise set forth in any separate Privacy Notice provided to you by Employer. You may request a copy of your PHI in a specific electronic format and we will comply with that request if it is readily producible. If it is not readily producible, we will work with you to determine another acceptable format. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other supplies associated with your request.

We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. HIPAA provides several important exceptions to your right to access your PHI. For example, you will not be permitted to access psychotherapy notes or information compiled in anticipation of, or for use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding. Employer will not allow you to access your PHI if these or any of the exceptions permitted under HIPAA apply. If you are denied access to medical information, you may request that the denial be reviewed.

<u>Right to Amend</u>. If you feel that medical information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for the Plan.

To request an amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted to the Personnel/Benefits Office. In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request.

We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that:

- Is not part of the medical information kept by or for the Plan;
- Was not created by us, unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment;
- Is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy; or
- Is accurate and complete.
- Employer must act on your request for an amendment of your PHI no later than 60 days
  after receipt of your request. Employer may extend the time for making a decision for
  no more than 30 days, but it must provide you with a written explanation for the delay.
  If Employer denies your request, it must provide you a written explanation for the denial
  and an explanation of your right to submit a written statement disagreeing with the
  denial.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have the right to request an "accounting of disclosures" (other than disclosures you authorized in writing) where such disclosure was made for any purpose other than treatment, payment, or health care operations. You will be notified of where you can obtain an accounting of disclosure in the separate Privacy Notice. Your request must state a time period that may not be longer than six years. Your request should indicate in what form you want the list (for example, on paper, or electronically). The first list you request within a 12-month period will be free. For additional lists, we may charge you for the costs of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

Note that HIPAA provides several important exceptions to your right to an accounting of the disclosures of your PHI. For example, Employer does not have to account for disclosures of your PHI (i) to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare operations, (ii) to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials, or (iii) for national security or intelligence purposes. Employer will not include in your accounting any of the disclosures for which there is an exception under HIPAA. Employer must act on your request for an accounting of the disclosures of your PHI no later than 60 days after receipt of the request. Employer may extend the time for providing you an accounting by no more than 30 days, but it must provide you a written explanation for the delay.

<u>Right to Request Confidential Communications</u>. You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail.

To request confidential communications, you must make your request in writing to the Personnel Office except as otherwise provided in the separate privacy notice. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will accommodate all requests we deem reasonable. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.

Right to Request a Restriction. You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the Plan's use or disclosure of your PHI for purposes of payment, treatment and health care operations. You also have the right to limit disclosures made to family members, friends or other individuals who are involved with your care or payment for your care. For example, you could request that a Plan not disclose information about a treatment you are receiving to a family member who is caring for you. We are not required to agree to any restriction that you may request. If we do agree to the restriction, we will comply with the restriction unless the information is needed to provide emergency treatment to you. You must submit your request for a restriction in writing to [INSERT NAME OF DEPARTMENT OR TITLE], except as otherwise provided in a separate privacy notice.

Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice. You have the right to a paper copy of this Notice, even if you have agreed to receive this Notice electronically. Contact [INSERT NAME OF DEPARTMENT OR TITLE] at [INSERT CONTACT INFO] to receive a paper copy. When Employer no longer needs PHI disclosed to it by the Plan, for the purposes for which the PHI was disclosed, Employer must,

if feasible, return or destroy the PHI that is no longer needed. If it is not feasible to return or destroy the PHI, Employer must limit further uses and disclosures of the PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the PHI infeasible.

#### CHANGES TO THIS SUMMARY AND THE SEPARATE PRIVACY NOTICE

We reserve the right to change this summary and the separate Privacy Notice that may be provided to you. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed notice effective for medical information we already have about you as well as any information we receive in the future. The notice will contain the effective date on the front page.

## **COMPLAINTS**

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Plan or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Plan, contact the Personnel Office except as otherwise provided in the separate Privacy Notice. All complaints must be submitted in writing.

You also may file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Complaints filed directly with the Secretary must: (1) be in writing; (2) contain the name of the entity against which the complaint is lodged; (3) describe the relevant problems; and (4) be filed within 180 days of the time you became or should have become aware of the problem. Complaints to the Secretary of Health and Human Services should be filed in writing to:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office for CivilRights
1301 Young Street
Suite 1169
Dallas TX, 75202
(800) 368-1019

You will not be penalized or retaliated against for filing a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services or with us.

# **OTHER USES OF MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written authorization. If you provide us authorization to use or disclose medical information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your authorization, we will no longer use or disclose medical information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. We are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that we provided to you.

We will not engage in marketing activities involving your PHI and we will not sell your PHI without your specific authorization. We will also never use or disclose PHI containing psychotherapy notes for any purpose without your express authorization.

If you have any questions or want additional information about the Notice or the policies and procedures described in the Notice, please contact: SEDL HR Department 4700 Mueller Blvd. Austin, TX 78723 (512) 476-6861.