**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

It is the goal of NASA PEDIATRICS, Dr. Idalia Rivera-Matos and staff to provide the highest quality care services in accordance with all pertinent federal and state laws. The Practice will take reasonable steps to ensure conformity with pertinent laws and regulations. We are committed to providing security and privacy for all protected health information obtained during your course of care. The Heath Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that we disclose certain information to our patients regarding the privacy of their medical information and records as well as our policies regarding the treatment of this information. Your medical information, records, and documents are of highly confidential nature. Except as required or authorized by law, they shall not be disclosed to, or discussed with, anyone not employed by or affiliated with The Practice without the permission of The Practice or the patient, as appropriate. HIPAA provides certain rights to patients with regard to the “protected health information.” These rights include: the right to our Notice of Privacy Practices, the right to inspect and to obtain copies of your medical records, the right to amend/append your medical records, the right to authorize certain non-treatment disclosures (employer, life insurance, fund raising, research), the right to request restrictions on the use of your medical records, the right to request alternative channels of communication, and the course of action should you feel your right have been impeded.

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