



# Highgrove Dental Care

*Personalized & Comfortable*

## **Authorization and Consent to Send Unencrypted Patient Information by Email and Other Electronic Means**

Until I tell you in writing to stop, I authorize Highgrove Dental Care to transmit patient information relating to my treatment, health, or payment by email or other electronic means, without encryption or special security precautions, to me or someone I designate, or to other health care providers, health plans and others involved in my treatment, payment for my treatment, or Highgrove Dental Care's health care operations. The patient information that may be emailed may include my x-rays, health history, diagnosis, treatment, and payment records.

I understand that:

- I do not have to sign this form.
- My treatment, payment, enrollment and eligibility for benefits will not be affected by my decision about signing this form.
- If I don't sign this form, Highgrove Dental Care may use other ways to send my information, such as U.S. Mail, or may ask me to send my information to third parties myself.
- There is some risk that emails and other electronic messages may be improperly acquired by hackers or received by unintended recipients. If that happens, the information may be redisclosed and no longer protected by privacy law.
- Highgrove Dental Care does not email such sensitive personal information as Social Security Number, credit card number, mental health diagnosis, genetic information, alcohol/substance abuse, or positive HIV status unless the patient insists.

I can tell you in writing to stop emailing my patient information at any time, but if I do so, this will not affect emails that Highgrove Dental Care already sent before receiving my written instructions to stop.

Patient Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship if not patient: \_\_\_\_\_