Patient Consent to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations

I, _____, understand that as part of my health care, Texas Avenue Medical Clinic originates and maintains paper and /or electronic records describing my health history, symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and any plans for further care of treatment. I understand that this information serves as:

- A basis for planning my care and treatment.
- A means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to my care.
- A source of information for applying my diagnosis and surgical information to my bill.
- A means by which a third-party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided.
- A tool for routing healthcare operations such as assessing quality and reviewing the competence of healthcare professionals.

I understand and have been provided with a Notice of Privacy Practices that provides a more complete description of information uses and disclosures. I understand that I have the following rights and privileges:

- The right to review the notice prior to signing this consent.
- The right to object to the use of my health information for directory purposes.
- The right to request restrictions as to how my health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or healthcare operations.

I understand that Texas Avenue Medical Clinic is not required to agree to the restrictions requested. I understand that I may revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent that the organization has already taken action in reliance thereon. I also understand that by refusing to sign this consent or revoking this consent, this organization may refuse to treat me as permitted by Section 164.506 of the Code of Federal Regulations. But I do not have to sign this authorization in order to receive treatment at Texas Avenue Medical Clinic.

I further understand that Texas Avenue Medical Clinic reserves the right to revise their notice of privacy practices and prior to implementation, in accordance with Section 164.520 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Should Texas Avenue Medical Clinic change their notice, they will post a current copy of any revised notice in their office in a visible location at all times, and I may request a copy at any time.

I understand that as part of this organization's treatment, payment, or health care operations, it may become necessary to disclose my protected health information to another healthcare entity, and I consent to such disclosure for these permitted uses, including disclosures via fax.

I fully understand and accept/decline the terms of this consent.

X _____ _____

Patient Signature Date