

# Authorization and Consent

## To Send Unencrypted Patient Information by Email and Other Electronic Means

Until I tell you in writing to stop, I authorize <Kids Are Great Dental> 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 other involved in my treatment, payment for my treatment, or <Kids Are Great Dental> health care operations. The patient information that may be emailed may include x-rays, health history, and 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, <Kids Are Great Dental> may use other ways to send my information, 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 re disclosed and no longer protected by privacy law.
- <Kids Are Great Dental> 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 <Kids Are Great Dental> already sent before receiving my written instructions to stop.

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

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

**Dental Team: Give a copy of this signed form to the patient. Save the original in the patient's file.**