

## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

## THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED

AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO YOUR INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

## USE AND DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

**Tillery Compassionate Care (TCC)** may use your health information, information that constitutes protected health information as defined in the Privacy Rule of the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, for purposes of providing you treatment, obtaining payment for your care and conducting health care operations. TCC has established policies to guard against unnecessary disclosure of your health information.

## THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED:

To Provide Treatment. TCC may use your health information to coordinate care within TCC and with others involved in your care, such as your attending physician, members of TCC interdisciplinary team and other health care professionals who have agreed to assist TCC in coordinating care. For example, physicians involved in your care will need information about your symptoms in order to prescribe appropriate medications. TCC also may disclose your health care information to individuals outside of TCC involved in your care including family members, clergy who you have designated, pharmacists, suppliers of medical equipment or other health care professionals.

To Obtain Payment. TCC may include your health information in invoices to collect payment from third parties for the care you receive from TCC. For example, HSC may be required by your health insurer to provide information regarding your health care status so that the insurer will reimburse you or TCC. TCC also may need to obtain prior approval from your insurer and may need to explain to the insurer your need for hospice care and the services that will be provided to you.

To Conduct Health Care Operations. TCC may use and disclose health information for its own operations in order to facilitate the function of TCC