

**THIS PRIVACY NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.**

**I. We are required by law to protect the privacy of your health information.**

We call this protected health information "PHI," and it includes individually identifiable health information that relates to your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care, or the past, present, or future payment for health care.

We are required by law to provide you with this Joint Notice about our privacy practices and legal duties that explains how, when, and why Monmouth Medical Center - Southern Campus and its Medical Staff may use or disclose your protected health information.

At Monmouth Medical Center - Southern Campus, we recognize and respect your right to confidentiality, and we maintain numerous safeguards to protect your privacy. We are required by law to abide by the terms of this Notice currently in effect. We reserve the right to change this Notice at any time and to make the revised Notice effective for all PHI we maintain. You can always obtain a copy of our most

**Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Funeral Directors.** We may release PHI to a coroner or medical examiner. We may also release patients' PHI to funeral directors so they may carry out their duties.

**Law Suits and Disputes.** If you are involved in a law suit or dispute, we may disclose your PHI subject to certain limitations.

**Required by Law Enforcement and Other Legal Actions.** We may release health information about you if asked to do so in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons, or similar process. We also may disclose PHI to identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person. In addition, we may disclose information about a crime victim or about