

## **ADDENDUM TO NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

HIPAA Privacy Rule Final Rule (April 2024)

Effective Date: February 16, 2026

This Addendum supplements the ManiDental Family Practice Notice of Privacy Practices with an effective date of January 1, 2022 ("Original Notice"). Except as expressly stated in this Addendum, all terms, conditions, statements, and provisions of the Original Notice remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

This Addendum is adopted to reflect changes required under the HIPAA Privacy Rule Final Rule issued in April 2024 and applies to protected health information maintained or disclosed by ManiDental Family Practice on or after the effective date listed above.

### **SPECIAL PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION**

Federal law provides enhanced privacy protections for information related to lawful reproductive health care.

ManiDental Family Practice will not use or disclose reproductive health information for the purpose of conducting or assisting in criminal, civil, or administrative investigations or proceedings, or to identify, locate, investigate, or target any individual for such purposes, unless such use or disclosure is expressly permitted or required by HIPAA or other applicable federal or state law.

These protections apply regardless of whether reproductive health information is included within a patient's medical or dental record.

### **SPECIAL PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER INFORMATION**

Information related to substance use disorder treatment or services is subject to additional federal confidentiality protections.

ManiDental Family Practice will not disclose substance use disorder-related information without the patient's specific written authorization, except where disclosure is otherwise permitted or required by applicable law.

Disclosures of substance use disorder information are more restricted than disclosures of general protected health information (PHI) and are governed by applicable federal confidentiality requirements.

### **LIMITATIONS ON DISCLOSURES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATIONS**

Certain categories of health information, including reproductive health information and substance use disorder-related information, are subject to heightened restrictions on disclosure.

ManiDental Family Practice will not disclose such information for law enforcement, investigative, or legal proceedings unless the disclosure is explicitly permitted or required under federal or state law, including HIPAA and other applicable privacy statutes.

### **EFFECT OF ADDENDUM**

This Addendum becomes part of ManiDental Family Practice's Notice of Privacy Practices effective February 16, 2026. In the event of any inconsistency between this Addendum and the Original Notice, this Addendum controls solely with respect to the matters addressed herein, to the extent required by law.