## **COMPLIANCE POLICY**

# The Smile Way Group

POLICY/PROCEDURE TITLE		Designated Record Set					
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DEPARTMENT		Corporate Compliance Department					
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AP	APPLIES TO						
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### I. <u>PURPOSE:</u>

To set forth the policy and procedure of ReachOut Healthcare America, LTD d/b/a Smile America Partners ("SAP") and its affiliated Dental Professional Practices ("DPPs") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Smile Way Group") to establish guidelines for the definition and content of the Designated Record Set ("DRS"). The DRS contains information that the patient can access or amend under federal, state, and local laws. The DRS may also be requested by a patient/patient's personal representative, payer, and/or Dental Board.

#### II. POLICY:

DRS is defined as a group of records (paper or electronic) maintained by The Smile Way Group that is:

- the medical and billing records about patients maintained by or for The Smile Way Group
- the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by The Smile Way Group; and/or
- used, in whole or in part, by The Smile Way Group to make decisions about patients.

#### **DRS Includes:**

The following consist of the DRS and can be released with proper authorization:

- Patient Permission Form / Consent Form / "Flyer"; this may include the Profile for full verbal consent
- Secondary consent record
- Patient Chart / Treatment Record
- Take Home Sheet / Post Op Treatment Instructions
- Medical images (e.g. X-Rays)
- Billing and payment records (e.g. Ledger)
- Case Management History or Referral to outside dentists
- Patient Communications
- Patient Grievances

#### **DRS Does Not Include:**

The following are not part of the DRS, even if they include PHI, because they are not used to make health care decisions about a patient.

- Miscellaneous Files
- Risk management records
- Quality assessment records
- Credentialing records
- Peer review files
- Incident report
- Internal Grievance reports
- Information contained in employee records
- Coding queries
- Internal compliance reports, audits, and logs
- Administrative records
- Attorney-client privileged records, or any other record that is subject to privilege under state and/or federal laws and regulations
- Information compiled in reasonable anticipation or, or for use in civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding
- Temporary notes or worksheets
- Business Associates
- Clinical Outcome data
- Research
- External/Outside Medical Records
- Grant / Charity Care Forms
- Any other record that is not used to make health care decisions about the patient

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