HIPAA DISCLOSURE AND PRIVACY PRACTICES

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THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES WHY AND HOW WE OBTAIN AND USE OUR PATIENTS' PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.

SeaOates Medical Products, LLC ("SeaOates Medical") is a durable medical equipment distributor. We are a healthcare provider which works with patient care facilities to provide residents with durable medical equipment and supplies which the facilities are often not licensed to provide themselves. As a healthcare provider (as defined under 45 CFR 160.103), SeaOates Medical is considered a Covered Entity with regards to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). As such, we are required, by law, to comply with the rules and regulations set forth within HIPAA, especially with regards to the Privacy and Security Rules under 45 CFR, Part 164.

SeaOates Medical requires the use of certain protected health information ("PHI") associated with the residents of facilities with whom we work <u>for purposes of treatment</u>, <u>payment</u>, <u>and health care operations</u>, <u>as permitted under 45 CFR 164.502</u> ("Uses and disclosures of protected health information: General rules."). This includes, but is not limited to, a resident's:

- North Carolina Adult Care Home FI-2 Form
- Medical Face Sheet
- Medicare, Medicaid, and/or other insurance carrier information

SeaOates Medical understands the responsibilities and requirements that this disclosure entails, and takes <u>all</u> necessary steps as required by HIPAA guidelines to maintain and safeguard the confidentiality and privacy of PHI.

