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NOTICE OF DEEMED CONSENT TO BLOOD TESTING

A new Virginia Law was enacted in 1989 that allows Healthcare Providers to test their patients for HIV antibodies when a healthcare worker is exposed to the blood or body fluids of a patient in a way, which may transmit human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS. Because of this Law, in the event of such an exposure, you will be deemed to have consented to such testing, and to have consented to the release of the test results to the exposed health worker. Except in emergencies, you will be informed before any of your blood is tested for HIV antibodies, the testing will be explained to you and you will be given the opportunity to ask any questions you might have. You will be provided with the test results and appropriate counseling.

Should an employee be exposed to my blood/body fluid in a way that might allow transmission of infection due to blood borne disease (e. g. HIV, Hepatitis etc.) or other communicable diseases; I understand that according to **Virginia State Law** for the safety, health and possible treatment of our employee, samples of my blood or body fluid may be tested for evidence of infection. Test results, if positive are required by law to be reported to the Virginia Department of Health.

I have read and understand the above “**Notice of Deemed Consent to Blood Testing**”.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If patient is under the age of 18)

Employee/Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____