

Tele-Dentistry Consultation Information Sheet

PURPOSE: To inform you of a system of dental care called “tele-dentistry.” The purpose of the tele-dentistry system is to allow a dentist to view your child’s records through a private video connection through the Internet. This allows the dentist to make recommendations for your child’s treatment.

- 1. WHAT IS A TELE-DENTISTRY CONSULTATION?** Tele-dentistry is a tool used to help people who do not or cannot go to a dental office to receive a dental examination or consultation. Tele-dentistry uses electronic dental records like electronic versions of x-rays, photographs, recordings of the condition of your teeth, health and other history information. A dentist reviews these records at a later time. The goal of the tele-dentistry system is to have the dentist create a treatment plan and recommendations for your dental care.
- 2. WHAT ARE THE RISKS, BENEFITS AND ALTERNATIVES?** The benefits of tele-dentistry include having access to a dentist and additional dental information without travelling to a dental office or clinic. A potential risk of tele-dentistry is that a face-to-face consultation with a dentist may still be necessary after the tele-dentistry appointment. At any time during the consultation, you may choose to get dental care in a dental office or clinic.
- 3. CONFIDENTIALITY.** Current federal and California laws about confidentiality apply to the information used or disclosed during your tele-dentistry consultation. In rare cases, some of your records may unintentionally become available to people not connected with the consultation but are dental professionals. Provided at your request, a separate document titled, “Notice of Privacy Practices” describes the handling of your private information.
- 4. RIGHTS.** You may choose not to participate in a tele-dentistry consultation at any time before and/or during the consultation. If you decide not to participate, the office can extend an appointment for an examination and hygiene appointment at the center. You have the option to seek dental consultation or treatment in any dental office at any time before or after the tele-dentistry consultation. As with any procedure, although rare, injuries can occur. If you feel that this has occurred, please notify the dental hygienist who will arrange for appropriate treatment of the injury.

The dental providers involved in your care will include:

- **Miguel Luna, RDH** (or other El Dorado Community Health Center affiliated hygienist)
- **Ahmad Eltejaye, DMD** (or other El Dorado Community Health Center affiliated dentist)

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