### DOT FOODS, INC.

#### HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

# **Health Information Privacy**

This Notice is required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and is intended to describe how Dot Foods, Inc. ("Dot Foods") health plan, the Dot Foods, Inc. Welfare Plan ("Health Plan"), will protect your health information with respect to its self-insured health benefit coverages. References below to Health Plan shall mean the medical, dental and health care flexible spending account benefits provided by the Health Plan. The fully insured option will provide you with a separate notice explaining how it will treat your Protected Health Information under HIPAA.

"Health information" for this purpose means information that identifies you and either relates to your physical or mental health condition, or relates to the payment of your health care expenses. This individually identifiable health information is known as "protected health information" ("PHI"). Your PHI will not be used or disclosed without a written authorization from you, except as described in this Notice or as otherwise permitted by federal or state health information privacy laws.

# Health Plan Privacy Obligations

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

For more information see:

www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

## Your Rights Regarding Your Health Information

This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

#### Get a copy of health and claims records

 You can ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this. • We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.

#### Ask us to correct health and claims records

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.

## Request confidential communications

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say "yes" if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.

#### Ask us to limit what we use or share

- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
- We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care.

#### Get a list of those with whom we've shared information

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

#### Get a copy of this privacy notice

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

# Choose someone to act for you

- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.

## How the Health Plan May Use and Disclose Health Information About You

We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

# Help manage the health care treatment you receive

We can use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you.

Example: A doctor sends us information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so we can arrange additional services.

# Run our organization

- We can use and disclose your information to run our organization and contact you when necessary.
- We are not allowed to use genetic information to decide whether we will give you
  coverage and the price of that coverage. This does not apply to long term care
  plans.

Example: We use health information about you to develop better services for you.

#### Pay for your health services

We can use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services. Example: We share information about you with your dental plan to coordinate payment for your dental work.

# Administer your plan

We may disclose your health information to your health plan sponsor for plan administration.

Example: Your company contracts with us to provide a health plan, and we provide your company with certain statistics to explain the premiums we charge.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation.

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

# Special Use and Disclosure Situations

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see:

www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

## Help with public health and safety issues

We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- · Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

We can use or share your information for health research.

#### Comply with the law

We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.

# Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director

- We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.
- We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies

# Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests

We can use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

# Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

#### Changes to the Terms of this Privacy Notice

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, on our web site, and we will mail a copy to you.

#### Complaints

If you believe that your health information privacy rights as described under this Notice have been violated, you may file a written complaint with the Health Plan by contacting the person listed at the address under "Contact Information". You may also file a written complaint directly with the regional office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/">www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/</a>. You will not be penalized or retaliated against for filing a complaint.

#### Other Uses and Disclosures of Health Information

The Health Plan is required to receive your written authorization as a condition for:

- Any use or disclosure of your PHI for marketing purposes, except if the communication is in the form of face-to-face communications with you or a promotional gift of nominal value;
- Any use or disclosure of your PHI that is in the form of a sale of PHI; or
- Any use or disclosure of psychotherapy notes, except to carry out certain treatment, payment or health care operations, or as otherwise required by law.

Other uses and disclosures of health information not covered by this Notice or by the laws that apply to the Health Plan will be made only with your written authorization.

If you authorize the Health Plan to use or disclose your PHI, you may revoke the authorization, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your authorization, the Health Plan will no longer use or disclose your PHI for the reasons covered by your written authorization; however, the Health Plan will not reverse any uses or disclosures already made in reliance on your prior authorization.

The Health Plan is prohibited from using or disclosing any of your PHI that is genetic information for underwriting purposes.

#### **Contact Information**

To receive more information about the Health Plan's privacy practices or your rights, or if you have any questions about this Notice, please contact the Health Plan at the following address:

Contact Office or Person: Benefits Manager or Human Resources

Health Plan Name: Dot Foods Inc. Welfare Plan

Email: HR-Companywide@dotfoods.com

Telephone: 217.773.4411 Address: Dot Foods, Inc.

1 Dot Way Route 99 South Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

Copies of this Notice are also available at Human Resources and on our web site <a href="http://www.dotfoods.com/home">http://www.dotfoods.com/home</a> under Employee Links. This Notice is also available by sending an e-mail to the above address.

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