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CALIFORNIA ALTERNATIVE AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE NOTICE AND CONSENT FORM

The California Legislature enacted California Senate Bill SB-577 that affirms the right of citizens to obtain Alternative and Complementary Health Care from practitioners other than licensed Physician's and Surgeons or other licensed health professions.

In Paragraph 1 of SB 577 the Legislature made a Finding that:

"Based upon a comprehensive report by the National Institute of Medicine and other studies, including a study published by the New England Journal of Medicine, it is evident that millions of Californians, perhaps more than five million, are presently receiving a substantial volume of health care services from complementary and alternative healthcare practitioners. Those studies further indicate that individuals utilizing complementary and alternative health care services cut across a wide variety of age, ethnic, socioeconomic, and other demographic categories.".....

Thus, the Legislature wanted to recognize Alternative and Complementary health care and provide a framework of guidelines and notices.

Pursuant to this Act of the Legislature, Alternative and Complementary Health Care Practitioners must inform clients that they are not Physicians and Surgeons or allied licensed practitioners and that for a western medical diagnosis and treatment, including, but not limited to, prescription drugs, surgery and the treatment of fractures, lacerations and abrasions, the clients must see an MD, Physician or Surgeon.

The notice must also state the nature of the Alternative and Complementary health care practice that is being provided.

The Center for Traditional Health Arts provides alternative, complementary and integrative health care in the field of Chinese Medicine, including Chinese herbalism, medical qigong and other branches of Classical and Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Classical and Traditional Chinese Medicine involve a cooperative process and it is essential for the practitioners and clients to be working towards the same objective. The objective of Chinese medicine is to identify and address patterns of imbalanced qi in order to support a state of balanced health. (continued)

Health & Qi

Within the theoretical framework of Chinese medicine health is achieved through the development of a harmonious relationship with nature, meaningful interactions with others, mental and emotional stability and a balance between the physical substances and physiological processes of the body. In other words, health is seen as a continually adapting, shifting state of balance.

From the traditional perspective, this changing, adaptable state of health comes from the normal or correct movement of qi. Qi can be translated as energy, influence, vital function and breath. All transformations and movements within the body, whether physical or emotional, depend on the correct and balanced function of the qi.

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The Center for Traditional Health Arts is owned and operated by Sean Fannin as sole proprietor. Each practitioner providing services at the Center is an independent sole practitioner and not a partner or owner.

The practitioners at the Center for Traditional Health Arts are qualified and experienced practitioners of Chinese herbalism and other branches of Classical and Traditional Chinese Medicine. They are not MDs, Physicians or Surgeons. Chinese medicine does not diagnose or treat medical conditions. Chinese medicine addresses patterns of imbalanced qi in order to support an adaptable state of balanced health within the individual.

I, _____ have read and understand the above statements.
(print name)

I therefore accept care from the Center for Traditional Health Arts on this basis.

(signature)

(date)

