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## What options do you have about how we use or share your information?

We strive to provide you with choices regarding the Personal Data you provide us. To exercise control over your information, we have provided you with the following mechanisms:

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## How Can I Access, Correct, or Amend Information About Me?

We want to assure you that you have access to your Personal Data that we collect and store. Customers may correct or amend information that is inaccurate by reviewing and updating your account preferences or by contacting us by email at dpo@cpapracticeadvisor.com or by mail at FirmWorks Attention: Data Privacy Officer, 14 Hampshire Drive, Hudson, NH 03051.

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Your browser may offer you a "Do Not Track" option, which allows you to signal to operators of Web Sites and web applications and services (including behavioral advertising services) that you do not wish such operators to track certain of your online activities over time and/or across different Web Sites. Our Web Sites do not support Do Not Track requests at this time, which means that we collect information about your online activity while you are using our Web Sites.

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This section ("California Statement") explains rights that certain natural persons residing in the State of California (each, a "consumer") may have under the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 and such rules and regulations as may be adopted from time to time implementing and interpreting such Act (collectively, "CCPA"). When we use the term "personal information" in this California Statement, we are using that term as CCPA defines it, which CCPA generally defines "personal information" to mean information that identifies, relates to, describes, is capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular consumer or household. However, personal information does not include publicly available, deidentified, or aggregate consumer information (which are all defined in CCPA). Also, the definition of "personal information" also does not currently apply to the collection of personal information from job applicants, employees (whether you are our employee or any employee of our customers), business owners, directors, officers, medical staff or contractors. Where we act as a "business" under CCPA (meaning we determine the manner and reasons for why we process your personal information), we may be required to disclose additional information regarding the categories of personal information we collect, the sources

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- Other personal information, as described to you in this privacy policy, or otherwise at the point of collection; and
- Inferences drawn from any of the information identified above, including about your preferences.

Depending on your relationship with us, we may have collected each of the above categories of Personal Information about you. In addition, we may have shared one or more of these categories of Personal Information with third parties during the preceding 12 months for the business purposes described in this Privacy Policy. For each of these categories of Personal Information, please refer to the "When is personally identifiable information collected? How is your information used?" section above for more detailed information regarding why we collect personal information and the categories of third parties with whom we may share personal information.

If you are a resident of California and are not a job applicant, employee/contractor, or employee/contractor of another company interacting with us in your job role, you

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- You give us consent to do so for a specific purpose.
- We need to process your Personal Data to comply with a legal obligation.

If you have consented to our use of Personal Data about you for a specific purpose, you have the right to change your preferences at any time.

We note that we are a "controller" for those services where we make decisions on how personal information is used in connection with our services, and we are a "processor" for those services where we only use personal information as allowed by our customers.

Where we make decisions on how personal information is used in connection with our Web Sites, products or services (where we are acting as a controller), we are responsible for the obligations of a "controller" under applicable laws in connection with the processing of personal information – for example, we use this Privacy Statement and other notices to provide you with information about our use of personal information, as required by law. Where we only use personal information as allowed by our customers (where we are acting as a processor), our customers are similarly responsible for the obligations of a "controller" under applicable laws in connection with the processing of personal information.

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## Requesting Erasure of Your Personal Data.

You have the right to request that Personal Data held about you is deleted.

## Requesting Restriction of Processing Your Personal Data.

You have the right to prevent or restrict processing of your Personal Data.

## Requesting Transfer of Your Personal Data.

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Where you believe that we have not complied with our obligation under this privacy policy or European data protection law, you have the right to make a complaint to an EU Data Protection Authority, such as the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

## **Document History**

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