



HIPPA: HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY AND PORTABILITY ACT

Purpose of this notice:

Our office respects the privacy of personal information and understands the importance of keeping this information confidential and secure. This notice describes our privacy practices with respect to your health information. Our privacy practices apply to current and former patients.

Types of personal health information we collect:

We collect a variety of personal and health information when covering health care. You provide some of this information when you initially come into the office (such as address, social security number and health history). We also receive additional personal and health information (such as eligibility) through our transactions with employers, insurance companies, and other health care providers. We limit the collection of personal information to that which is necessary to administer our business, provide quality service, and meet regulatory requirements.

How we protect personal and health information:

We treat personal and health information securely and confidentially. We limit access to personal information to only those persons who need to know that information to provide services to our clients (e.g., our billing clerk). These persons are trained on the importance of safeguarding this information and must comply with our procedures and applicable laws. We meet physical, electronic, and procedure to promote the integrity and accuracy of that information.

Disclosure of personal and health information:

We may share any of the personal and health information we collect (as described above) with our associates as permitted by law. We may also disclose this information to non-associated entities or individuals as permitted or required by law. Non-associates with whom we may disclose information as permitted by law include our attorneys, accountants, and auditors, a patient's authorized representative, other health care providers, public health authorities, donation organizations, institutional review boards for research purposes, third party administrator's insurers, law enforcement, or regulatory authorities, etc. We may also disclose any of the personal and health information we collect (as described above) in order to provide appointment reminders or to give you information about other treatment or health related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. In addition, in the event that this office is sold or merged with another office, your personal and health information will become the property of the new owner. We do not disclose personal and health information to any other third parties without a patient's request or authorization.

Individual rights to access and correct personal and health information:

We have procedures for a client to access the personal and health information we collect, and other than information we collect in connection with, or in anticipation of a lawsuit or legal claim, we will make this information available to the client upon written request. Our goal is to keep our client information up to date and to correct inaccurate information. We have procedures in place to ensure the integrity of our information and for the timely correction of incorrect information. If you believe that any personal or health information we have about you is not accurate, please let us know by contacting our office. This practice reserves the right to amend this notice of privacy practices at any time in the future. Until such amendment is made, the practice is required by law to comply with this notice.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN.

Signature

Date