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HIPAA
Health Information Portability and Accountability Act

To our patients:

Federal and State regulations protect the privacy of your personal medical information. Our office complies with all HIPAA regulations.

We may use your private health information to coordinate your care and work with other health professionals you designate or that are required by law to work with us regarding the continuation, coordination, and evaluation of your care. Your private health information is used to provide treatment, make prior authorization requests for your care, for payment of services provided, and for our healthcare operations which include insurance, pharmacy, management and care coordination, reviews, other activities of normal healthcare delivery issues, to prevent fraud or abuse in healthcare, and to other groups subject to the HIPAA federal guidelines.

You have the right to review your medical information and make corrections to your medical record if you so desire. You have the right to withdraw your consent to the use of your medical information at any time and for any reason provided you give us this notification in writing.

You have the right to authorize the release of your private medical information to anyone you designate provided you supply us with your designation in writing.

You have right to view the record of how your medical information has been utilized and to whom it was released.

Every effort will be made to protect the privacy of your personal health information. Some federal and state laws require the release of your information as a matter of law. For example, criminal investigations may require the release of information.

Only the minimal information may be released to any agency or group who is affiliated with our clinic for your continued care (sufficient to the extent of obtaining the necessary care requested).

We may release your personal information for the purposes of:

Disaster relief, Public benefit required by law, health related services, and to provide you a service.

We have strict use policies regarding the release of information regarding:

Communicable disease unless required by law, HIV test results, genetic information, status as a victim of family violence, mental health information except for the same purpose for which we received the information or as may be required by law. Confidential communication from a physician, HMO information (information is disclosed only for payment and health care operations as pertaining to Texas law.) Medical information we receive as a result of performing a Utilization review unless required by law.

If you have questions or need more information regarding HIPAA, please speak with any employee or ask for our designated HIPAA official.