

Notice of Privacy Practices



Your Rights

Your Information

Our Responsibility

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This notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.

Please review it carefully.

Your Rights	
When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you:	
Get an electronic or paper copy of your health record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can ask to see or get an electronic or paper copy of your health record and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this. We will provide a copy of your health information, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee. You may be able to access your health record through a “patient portal.”
Ask us to correct your health record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can ask us to correct health information about you that you think is incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this. We may say “no” to your request, but if we say no, we’ll tell you why in writing within 60 days.
Request confidential communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 say “yes” to all reasonable requests.
Ask us to limit what we use or share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment or our operations with your health insurer. We will say “yes” unless a law requires us to share that information.

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Get a list of those with whom we've shared information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us using the information on page 1. You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by: calling 1-877-696-6775, sending a letter to: 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/ We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

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How do we typically use or share your health information? We typically use or share your health information to:

Treat you	<p>We can use your health information and share it with other professionals who are treating you.</p> <p>Example: A doctor treating you for an illness asks another doctor about your overall health condition.</p> <p>Example: Unless you tell us not to, we may enter your information into a Health Information Exchange (HIE) where other health professionals may access the information to coordinate your care.</p>
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Run our organization	We can use and share your health information to provide services, improve your care, and contact you when necessary.	Example: We use health information about you to manage how well our staff is caring for you.
Bill for your services	We can use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities.	Example: We give information about you to your health insurance plan so it will pay for your services.
How else can we use or share your health information? 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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preventing disease• Helping with product recalls• Reporting adverse reactions to medications• Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence	
Do research	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.	
Work with a medical examiner or funeral director	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.	
For certain health information , you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will do our best to follow your instructions.		

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<p>In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information with your family, friends, or others involved in your care • Share information in a disaster relief situation. • Contact you for fundraising efforts. • Share certain information about your drug and alcohol treatment. This information may require your written authorization before we may share it with anyone. <p>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.</p>
<p>In these cases, we never share your information unless you give us written permission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing purposes. • Sale of your information. We will never sell your information. • Most sharing of your psychotherapy notes. We do not keep psychotherapy notes. • Most sharing of your substance use disorder (SUD) counseling notes. We do not keep SUD counseling notes.

Our Responsibilities

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 additional information about this Notice, contact HHSA Privacy Officer using the contact information on Page 1 of this Notice or see:
www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html

Changes to the Terms of This 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, in our office, and on our web site.

- The effective date of this Notice is February 16, 2026.