

YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY RIGHTS

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), you have certain privacy rights concerning your health care information. Under this law your health care provider generally cannot give your information to your employer, use or share your information for marketing or advertising purposes, or share private notes about your mental health counseling sessions without your written consent. As one of your health care providers it is our responsibility to keep your information safe and secure. We also need to make sure that your information is protected in a way that does not interfere with your health care. It is important that you understand that your information can be used and shared in the following ways:

- For your treatment and care coordination
Multiple health care providers may be involved in your treatment directly and indirectly.
- With your family, friends, relatives, or others that *you identify* who are involved in your health care or health care bills
- To protect the public's health, such as reporting when the flu is in your area
- To make required reports to the police, such as gunshot wounds
- Obtain payment from third party payers

In order to provide you with service that best meets your privacy needs, please tell us how best to contact you when needed.

Phone:

Ok to leave a message? Yes ___ No ___

Best email address: _____

Best mailing address: _____

Other requests (please describe):

Patient Signature:

Date: