



Health Oversight: We may disclose protected health information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as audits, investigations, and inspections. Oversight agencies seeking this information include government agencies that oversee the health care system, government benefit programs, other government regulatory programs and civil rights laws.

Abuse or Neglect: We may disclose your protected health information to a public health authority that is authorized by law to receive reports of child abuse or neglect. In addition, we may disclose your protected health information if we believe that you have been a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence to the governmental entity or agency authorized to receive such information. In this case, the disclosure will be made consistent with the requirements of applicable Federal and state laws.

Legal Proceedings: We may disclose protected health information in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding, in response to an order of a court or administrative tribunal (to the extent such disclosure is expressly authorized), in certain conditions in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process.

Law Enforcement: We may also disclose protected health information, so long as applicable legal requirements are met, for law enforcement purposes. These law enforcement purposes include (1) legal process and otherwise required by law, (2) limited information requests for identification and location purposes, (3) pertaining to victims of a crime, (4) suspicion that death has occurred as a result of criminal conduct, (5) in the event that a crime occurs on the premises of the Practice, and (6) medical emergency (not on the Practice's premises) and it is likely that a crime has occurred.

Workers' Compensation: We may disclose your protected health information, as authorized, to comply with workers' compensation laws and other similar legally-established programs.

Required Uses and Disclosures: Under the law, we must make disclosures to you and when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of Section 164.500 et. seq.

Special Protections for Substance Use Disorder Records: If we receive or maintain records related to substance use disorder treatment that are protected under federal law (42 CFR Part 2), those records are subject to additional confidentiality protections.

- These records may be used and disclosed for treatment, payment, and health care operations as permitted by law.
- We will not use or disclose these records, or testimony about their contents, in civil, criminal, administrative, or legislative proceedings against you unless permitted by law, with your written consent, or pursuant to a court order that meets applicable legal requirements.
- Other uses and disclosures of substance use disorder records require your written authorization or must otherwise be permitted or required by law.

Special Protections for Reproductive Health Information: Information related to reproductive health care may be subject to additional privacy protections under federal law and our internal privacy practices.