



NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING THE PROVACY PROVISIONS OF HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
PUBLIC LAW 104-191

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Public Law 104-191) governs the disclosure of Individually Identifiable Health Information. These new regulations require that health care providers:

- Notify patients of the circumstances under which the health care provider may disclose Individually Identifiable Health Information
- Notify patients of their rights to access their individual health care information
- Notify patients of the steps they can take to correct any health care information that they believe to be inaccurate
- Notify patients of their right to receive an accounting of any instances in which their Individually Identifiable Health Information has been disclosed

In addition, the regulations require that health care providers make a good faith attempt to obtain the signature of their patients (or the patient's parent or legal caregiver) acknowledging that they have been advised of the rights listed above.

Our policy regarding disclosures of Health Care Information:

The regulations permit the disclosure of Individually Identifiable Health Information for treatment, payment and health care operations without first obtaining the consent of the patient.

This means that we need no obtain your consent prior to disclosing Individually Identifiable Health Information to other health care professional that may be participating in your child's treatment, to any funding agencies that are paying for your child's treatment or to clinic staff.

For example, we may routinely disclose Individually Identifiable Health Information to your child's physician, to any other therapist participating in the treatment of your child, to your child's Insurance carrier or to other funding agencies (such as school districts or regional centers) to the extent that the funding agency is being asked to pay for child's treatment.

To the extent that we need to disclose your child's Individually Identifiable Health Information for other than treatment, payment or clinic operation purposes, we will first seek your written consent each time we need to disclose information. If you choose to consent to the disclosure, you may later revoke your consent by notifying us in writing.

Your Right to Access Individually Identifiable Health Care Information

You have the right to review your child's file(s). In addition, you have the right to receive copies of any document in your child's file(s). We may, however, charge you for our copy and postage costs.

The Steps You Can Take To Correct Health Care Information That You Believe to be Inaccurate

If you believe that any information contained in your child's file is incorrect, you can ask us to remove the information. If we do not agree to remove the information, you can ask that we insert in your child's file a statement indicating your disagreement with the information in the file.

Your Right to Receive an Accounting of Any Instances in Which Your Child's Health Care Information Has Been Disclosed

On receipt of your written request, we will provide any accounting of any instances in which your child's information has been disclosed. This accounting will not include any instances in which your child's information has been disclosed for treatment, payment or operation purposes nor will it include any disclosures you have consented to.

Your Printed Name

Your Signature

Your Child's Name

Date