



Uses and Disclosures of Health Information

Treatment: We may use or disclose health information to a physician or healthcare professionals providing treatment to our patients. This may include but is not limited to the primary physician, chiropractor, massage therapist, PA, nurse, Physical Therapist, nutritionist or dentist.

Healthcare Operations: We may use or disclose health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, and shared care by other approved practitioners.

Patient Authorization: In addition to our use of health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, the patient may give us written authorization to release their health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If the patient gives us authorization, they may revoke it in writing at any time. Their revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by their authorization while it was in effect.

Family and Persons involved in patient care: With patient authorization, we may disclose their health information to a family member, or other person to the extent necessary to help with their healthcare or with payment for their healthcare. We may use or disclose health information to communicate, notify, or assist in the notification to the patient. We will also use our professional judgement and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of the patient's best interest in allowing a person to pick up herbal prescriptions, medical supplies, or other similar forms of health information.

Required by law: We may use or disclose health information when we are required to do so by law.

Public Health Activities: We may disclose vital statistics, diseases, information related to recalls of dangerous products, and similar information to public authorities.

Health Oversight: We may be required to disclose information to assist in investigations and audits, eligibility for government programs, and similar activities.

Law Enforcement: Subject to certain restrictions, we may disclose information required by law enforcement officials.

Serious Threat to Health and Safety: We may use and disclose information when necessary to prevent a serious threat to the patient's health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person.