



Disclosure of Your Identifiable Health Information

USE AND DISCLOSURE OF YOUR IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION IN CERTAIN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

The following categories describe unique scenarios in which we may use or disclose your identifiable health information:

1. **Public Health Risks.** Our organization may disclose your identifiable health information to public health authorities that are authorized by law to collect information for the purpose of:
 - a. Maintaining vital records, such as births and deaths
 - b. Reporting child abuse or neglect
 - c. Preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability
 - d. Notifying a person regarding potential exposure to a communicable disease
 - e. Notifying a person regarding a potential risk for spreading or contracting a disease or condition
 - f. Reporting reactions to drugs or problems with products or devices
 - g. Notifying individuals if a product or device they may be using has been recalled
 - h. Notifying appropriate government agency(ies) and authority(ies) regarding the potential abuse or neglect of an adult patient (including domestic violence); however, we will only disclose this information if the patient agrees or we are required or authorized by law to disclose this information
 - i. Notifying your employer under limited circumstances related primarily to workplace injury or illness or medical surveillance.
2. **Health Oversight Activities.** Our organization may disclose your identifiable health information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law. Oversight activities can include, for example, investigations, inspections, audits, surveys, licensure and disciplinary actions; civil, administrative, and criminal procedures or actions; or other activities necessary for the government to monitor government programs, compliance with civil rights laws and the health care system in general.
3. **Lawsuits and Similar Proceedings.** Our organization may use and disclose your identifiable health information in response to a court or administrative order, if you are involved in a lawsuit or similar proceeding. We also may disclose your identifiable health information in response to a discovery request, subpoena, or other lawful process by another party involved in the dispute, but only if we have made an effort to inform you of the request or to obtain an order protecting the information the party has requested.



4. **Law Enforcement.** We may release identifiable health information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official:
 - a. Regarding a crime victim in certain situations, if we are unable to obtain the person's agreement
 - b. Concerning a death we believe might have resulted from criminal conduct
 - c. Regarding criminal conduct at our offices
 - d. In response to a warrant, summons, court order, subpoena or similar legal process
 - e. To identify/locate a suspect, material witness, fugitive or missing person
 - f. In an emergency, to report a crime (including the location or victim(s) of the crime, or the description, identity or location of the perpetrator)
5. **Serious Threats to Health or Safety.** Our organization may use and disclose your identifiable health information when necessary to reduce or prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of another individual or the public. Under these circumstances, we will only make disclosures to a person or organization able to help prevent the threat.
6. **Military.** Our organization may disclose your identifiable health information if you are a member of U.S. or foreign military forces (including veterans) and if required by the appropriate military command authorities.
7. **National Security.** Our organization may disclose your identifiable health information to federal officials for intelligence and national security activities authorized by law. We also may disclose your identifiable health information to federal officials in order to protect the President, other officials or foreign heads of state, or to conduct investigations.
8. **Inmates.** Our organization may disclose your identifiable health information to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials if you are an inmate or under the custody of a law enforcement official. Disclosure for these purposes would be necessary: (a) for the institution to provide health care services to you, (b) for the safety and security of the institution, and/or (c) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of other individuals.
9. **Workers' Compensation.** Our organization may release your identifiable health information for workers' compensation and similar programs.