

Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

1.) Uses and Disclosures We will use your protected health information (PHI) for the purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations.

Treatment includes the disclosure of health information to other providers who have referred you for services or are involved in your care. This may include doctors, nurses, technicians and other physical therapists. We may use or disclose your PHI as necessary for treatment in a public area with other patients, calling you by name in the waiting room or appointment reminder calls.

Payment includes the disclosure of health information to your insurance company, including Medicare, so payment can be obtained for services rendered. Your insurance company may make a request to review your medical record to determine that your care was necessary.

Health Care Operations includes the utilization of your records to monitor the quality of care being given at our facility or for business planning activities.

Other Special Uses

Our practice may use your PHI to send you an appointment reminder, to inform you of our other health-related products and services.

Uses and Disclosures Required by Law

The referral health information privacy regulations either permit or require us to use or disclose your PHI in the following ways: we may share some of your PHI with a family member or friend involved in your care if you do not object, we may use your PHI in an emergency situation when you may not be able to express yourself, and we may use or disclose your PHI for research purposes if we are provided with very specific assurance that your privacy will be protected. We may also disclose your PHI when we are required to do so by law, for example by court order or subpoena. Disclosures to health oversight agencies are sometimes required by law to report certain diseases or adverse drug reactions.

We may use and disclose health information about you to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of the public or others. If you are in the Armed Forces, we may release health information about you when it is determined to be necessary by the appropriate military command authorities. We may also release information about you for workers' compensation or other similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injury or illness. Your authorization is required before your PHI may be used or disclosed by us for other purposes.

2.) Your Privacy Rights

Restrictions

You have the right to request restrictions on how your PHI is used, however, we are not required to agree with your request. If we do agree, we must abide by your request.

If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment or our operations with your health insurer. We will comply unless a law requires us to share that information.

Confidential Communications

You have the right to request confidential communication from us at a location of your choosing. This request must be in writing.

Access to PHI

You have the right to request a copy of your medical record. You must make this request in writing, and we may charge a fee to cover the costs of copying and mailing.

Amendments

If you believe that the information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may request in writing an amendment to your protected health information as long as we maintain this information. While we will accept requests for amendment, we are not required to agree to the amendment.

Accounting of Disclosures

After April 14, 2003, you have the right to request an accounting of the disclosures made in the previous six years. This disclosure will not include those made for treatment, payment or health care operations or for which we have obtained authorization.

Complaints

If you feel that your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to make a complaint to us in writing without fear of retaliation. Your complaint should contain enough specific information so that we may adequately investigate and respond to your concerns. If you are not satisfied with our response, you may complain directly to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Our Duty to Protect Your Privacy

We are required to comply with the federal health information privacy regulations by maintaining the privacy of your PHI. These rules require us to provide you with this document, our Notice of Privacy Practices. We reserve the right to update this notice if required by law. If we do update this notice at any time in the future, you will receive a revised notice when you next seek treatment from us.

Our Notice of Privacy Practices is posted on our website and available at all of our locations.

Privacy Contact

If you would like more information about our privacy practices or to file a complaint, you may contact Nesin Therapy Services, P.C. at 540 Hughes Rd, Suite 8, Madison, AL 35758 or by phone at 256.461.9654.

Effective Date:

This notice will take effect on May 10, 2016.