



HIPAA Privacy Notice – Summary

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.

As a general rule, your employer's Cafeteria Plan (the "Plan") treats your medical information as confidential. However, the Plan may use and disclose medical information to others for payment and health care operations. Medical information also may be disclosed to utilization review companies.

The Plan is, as a general rule, required to disclose health information to you and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to determine that the Plan is complying with the law. The Plan also is permitted to disclose information when permitted by law, for public health activities, about victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence, for health oversight activities, for judicial and administrative proceeds, for law enforcement, about decedents, for organ and tissue transplantation, for research to avert serious threat to the health or safety, for specialized government functions, for worker's compensation, incident to a permitted or required use or disclosure and where direct identifiers have been removed.

For uses and disclosures not permitted or required (e.g. use of psychotherapy notes) the Plan will ask for your written authorization. You may, as a general proposition, revoke your authorization.

You have the following rights with respect to your protected health information:

- to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures but the Plan is not required to honor your request;
- to receive communication in an alternative format or location;
- to inspect and copy the information;
- to ask that the information be amended or corrected; and
- to receive an accounting of certain uses and disclosures of the information.

The Plan must:

- maintain the privacy of your protected health information;
- comply with the Plan's Privacy Policy; and
- notify you, in writing, of any changes to the Plan's Privacy Policy which may impact your protected health information.

You may file a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated. The complaint may be filed at:

Office of Civil Rights

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
233 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 240
Chicago, Illinois 60601