

Workers compensation – I may disclose PHI as authorized by you and to the extent necessary in order to comply with the laws relating to worker's compensation and other similar programs, established by law, that provide benefits for work related injuries or illnesses, without regard to fault.

Research – Your PHI may also be used or disclosed for research purposes but only in those limited circumstances not requiring your written authorization such as those that have been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) that has established procedures for ensuring the privacy of your PHI. In these circumstances, your identity will not be released.

IV. Patient Rights and Psychologist's Duties

Your Individual Rights:

Right to inspect and copy – You have the right to inspect and/or obtain a copy of PHI in your mental health and billing records used to make decisions about you for as long as the PHI is maintained in the record. I may deny your access to PHI under certain circumstances, but in such circumstances you may have this decision reviewed. On your request, I will discuss with you the details of the request and denial process.

Right to an accounting – You generally have the right to receive an accounting regarding disclosure of PHI. On your request, I will discuss with you the details of the accounting process.

Right to a paper copy – You have a right to obtain a paper copy of this notice upon request.

Right to request restrictions – You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosure of PHI. However, I am not required to agree to any such restriction that you may request.

Right to receive confidential communications by alternative means and at alternative locations – You have the right to request and receive confidential communications of PHI by alternative means and at alternative locations. For example, you may not wish a family member to know that you are seeing me. In such a case, if requested, I could send your bills to another address to protect your privacy.

Right to amend – You have the right to request an amendment of PHI for as long as PHI is maintained in your record, though I may deny that request. On your request, I will discuss with you the details of the amendment process.

Psychologist's Duties:

I am required by law to maintain privacy of PHI and to provide you with a notice of my legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI.

I reserve the right to change the privacy policies described in this notice. However, unless I notify you of such changes, I am required to abide by the terms currently in effect. If I revise my procedures and policies, I will notify you and will offer you a printed copy of all revisions made.

V. Complaints

We support your right to protect the privacy of your medical information. If you believe I have violated your privacy rights, you may contact the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services at (517) 373-1820 for further information. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our Privacy Officer as indicated below.

You may also file a written complaint to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The office listed above can provide you with the appropriate address upon request.

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