

Additional Uses and Disclosures

Effective July 1, 2007

In addition to using and disclosing your medical information for treatment, payment and health care operations, we may use and disclose medical information for the following purposes.

Required By Law: We will disclose information about you when required to do so by federal, state, or local law.

Workers' Compensation: We may release health information about you for workers' compensation or similar programs. These programs provide benefits for work related injuries.

Health Oversight Activities: We may disclose health information to a health oversight agency for audits, investigations, inspections or licensing purposes. These disclosures may be necessary for certain state and federal agencies to monitor the health care system, government programs and compliance with civil rights laws.

Law Enforcement: We may release information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process, subject to all applicable legal requirements.

Information Not Personally Identifiable: We may use or disclose health information about you in a way that does not personally identify you or reveal who you are.

Victims Of Abuse, Neglect, Or Domestic Violence: We may disclose information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may share your medical information if it is necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety, or the health or safety of others.

To Avert A Serious Threat To Health Or Safety: We may use and disclose health information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety, or the health and safety of others.

Military, Veterans, National Security And Intelligence: If you are, or were, a member of the armed forces, or part of the national security or intelligence communities, we may be required by military command or other government authorities to release health information about you. We may also release information about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.

Public Health Risks: We may disclose health information about you for public health reasons in order to prevent or control disease, injury or disability; or report births, deaths, suspected abuse or neglect, non-accidental physical injuries, reactions to medication or problems with products.

Family And Friends: We may disclose health information about you to your family members or friends if we obtain your verbal agreement to do so, or if we give you an opportunity to object to such a disclosure and you do not raise an objection. We may also disclose health information to your family or friends if we can infer from the circumstances, based on our professional judgment that you would not object. For example, we may assume you agree to our disclosure of your personal health information to your spouse when you bring your spouse with you into the gym during treatment, or while treatment is discussed.