

HIPAA PRIVACY RULE SUMMARY

The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' medical records and other personal health information and applies to health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and those health care providers that conduct certain healthcare transactions electronically. The Rule requires appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy of personal health information, and sets limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures that may be made of such information without patient authorization. The covered entity that is compliant with the HIPAA Privacy Rule must make practical efforts to use, disclose and request only the minimum necessary amount of protected health information (PHI) needed to complete its intended purpose. The Rule also gives patients' rights over their health information, including rights to examine and obtain a copy of their health records, to request corrections, and to get an account of those who have been allowed access to their records. According to this Federal Law, it is the duty of HIPAA Covered Entities and HIPAA Business Associates that interact with this PHI, to supply all requested information to a patient or a representative of the patient in a timely manner.

When you log on to your patient portal only you (the patient) should be able to access your records unless you (the patient) decides otherwise. Be sure and keep all login passwords confidential. To view a Summary of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/laws-regulations/index.html>