

Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information (PHI)

What is This Notice For?

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review the information below carefully.

What Do We Do To Keep Your Health Information Private?

Keeping your health information private is one of our most important responsibilities. We are committed to protecting your health information and following all laws regarding the use of your health information. You have the right to discuss your concerns about how your health information is shared with anyone. Our organization is bound by the laws created by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. In accordance with these laws we are required to do the following tasks:

- We must keep your health information private and only share it as directed
- We must make this Notice available to you, and may only use and share your health information as explained in this Notice.

Who May Use And See My Health Information?

The information you provide to the clinic can and will be used to:

- Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow- up among the multiple healthcare providers who may be involved in that treatment directly and indirectly
- Obtain payment from insurance companies and other third-party payers
- Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physician certifications
- For judicial & administrative proceedings according to specific requirements
- For health-related research that meets applicable legal requirements

Could My Health Information Be Used or Released Without My Authorization?

We are bound by the laws created by HIPAA. These laws tell us when we are required to share health information, even in the absence of a signed authorization form. We will use or release your health information:

- For public health reasons, including to prevent or control disease or injury; or report births or deaths, suspected abuse or neglect, reactions to medications or problems with certain

health-related products.

- To prevent serious threats to your health or safety or that of another person or the public.
- To help health oversight agencies monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws, including for audits, investigations, inspections, or licensing purposes.
- If a court orders us to or if we receive a subpoena that meets all legal requirements.
- To law enforcement officials, if we receive a proper request and the request meets all other legal requirements.
- To coroners, medical examiners or funeral directors, in order to help identify a deceased person, determine the cause of death, or perform other legally authorized duties.
- To organ procurement organizations, if you are an organ donor or as legally required.
- For health-related research that meets applicable legal requirements.
- To military authorities, if you were or are a member of the armed forces and the request is made by appropriate military command authorities.
- To authorized federal officials for national security purposes.
- To Workers Compensation for work-related injuries.
- To other government benefit programs in order to coordinate or improve administration and management of the programs.
- To family or others involved in your treatment or financial affairs, if you have indicated that we can do so or if we can reasonably infer that you do not object.

What Other Rights Do I have With Regards To My Health Information

If you think some of your health information is wrong, you may ask that corrected or new information be added by making a request in writing to the Director of Operations, Stephanie DiIullo. You may submit this request either via e-mail to sdiullo@accessurgentmedicalcare.com or via mail to Access Urgent Medical Care of Pickerington, 1797 Hill Road North, Pickerington, OH 43147. You must state why you think the correction or new information is necessary. We will attempt to affect any changes you request, but may need to contact you for further information. If we do make any corrections, you may ask that the corrected or new information be sent to others who have received your health information from us.

If you ask for a paper copy of this Notice, we must give you one. We reserve the right to change this Notice, and to apply the new practices to all of your health information, including information we received before the Notice was changed. You may request a current copy.

Complaints or Questions?

If you have questions or feel your privacy rights have been violated, you can ask questions or complain by writing to the Director of Operations, Access Urgent Medical Care of Pickerington, 1797 Hill Road North, Pickerington, OH 43147.

Release of Information

You will be asked to sign a separate document, the Patient Registration Form, acknowledging a

copy of our Privacy Policy has been offered or received; and we are allowed to share your health Information for treatment, payment and/or business operations.