



HIPAA – Notice of Privacy

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.

This Notice of Privacy Practices is NOT an authorization. This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how we, our Business Associates and their subcontractors, may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations (TPO) and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. "Protected Health Information" is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health condition and related health care services.

USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Your protected health information may be used and disclosed by your physician, our office staff and others outside of our office that are involved in your care and treatment for the purpose of providing health care services to you, to pay your health care bills, to support the operation of the physician's practice, and any other use required by law.

Treatment: We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party. For example, your protected health information may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician has the necessary information to diagnose or treat you.

Payment: Your protected health information will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your health care services. For example, obtaining confirmation that hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a covered benefit may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain confirmation for hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Healthcare Procedures: We may use or disclose, as-needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of your physician's practice. These activities include, but are not to, quality assessment, employee review, training of medical students, licensing, fundraising, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example, we may disclose your protected health information to medical school students that see patients at our office. In addition, we may use a sign-in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name and indicate your physician. We may also call you by name in the waiting room when your physician is ready to see you. We may use or disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment, and inform you about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. If we use or disclose your protected health information for fundraising activities, we will provide you the choice to opt out of those activities. You may also choose to opt back in.

We may use or disclose your protected health information in the following situations without your authorization. These situations include: as required by law, public health issues as required by law, communicable diseases, health oversight, abuse or neglect, food and drug administration requirements, legal proceedings, law enforcement, coroners, funeral directors, organ donation, research, criminal activity, military activity and national security, workers' compensation, inmates, and other required uses and disclosures. Under the law, we must make disclosures to you upon your request. Under the law, we must also disclose your protected health information when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements under Section 164.500.

USES AND DISCLOSURES THAT REQUIRE YOUR AUTHORIZATION

Other Permitted and Required Uses and Disclosures will be made only with your consent, authorization or opportunity to object unless required by law. Without your authorization, we are expressly prohibited to use or disclose your protected health information for marketing purposes. We may not sell your protected health information without your authorization.

You may revoke the authorization, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your physician or the physician's practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.

YOUR RIGHTS

The following are statements of your rights with respect to your protected health information.

You have the right to inspect and copy your protected health information – Pursuant to your written request, you have the right to inspect or copy your protected health information whether in paper or electronic format. Under federal law, however, you may not inspect or copy the following records: Psychotherapy notes, information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or used in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, protected health information restricted by law, information that is related to medical research in which you have agreed to participate, information whose disclosure may result in harm or injury to you or to another person, or information that was obtained under a promise of confidentiality.

You have the right to request a restriction of your protected health information – This means you may ask us not to use or disclose any part of your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You may also request that any part of your protected health information not be disclosed to family members or friends who may be involved in your care or for notification purposes as described in the Notice of Privacy Practices. Your request must state the specific restriction requested and to whom you want the restriction to apply. Your physician is not required to agree to your requested restriction except if you request that the physician not disclose protected health information to your health plan with respect to healthcare for which you have paid in full out of pocket.

You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures – You have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures, paper or electronic, except for disclosures: pursuant to an authorization, for purposes of treatment, payment and healthcare operations.

You have the right to receive notice of a breach – We will notify you if your unsecured protected health information has been breached.

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice. We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and we will notify you of such changes on the following appointment. We will also make available copies of our new notice if you wish to obtain one.

COMPLAINTS

You may complain to us if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our Compliance Officer: rconnor@mvsoundcare.com We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of, and provide individuals with, this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. We are also required to abide by the terms of the notice currently in effect. If you have any questions in reference to the form, please ask with our Compliance Officer in person or by phone. Please note that by signing the "Acknowledgment" form you are only acknowledging that you have received or been given the opportunity to receive a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information. I understand that this information can and will be used to:

- Conduct, plan and direct my treatment and follow-up among multiple healthcare providers who may be involved in the treatment directly or indirectly.
- Obtain payment from third party payers
- Conduct normal healthcare operations such as quality assessments and physician certifications.

I understand that I may request in writing that MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics restrict how my private information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare procedures. I also understand that MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics is not required to agree to my requested restrictions, but if agreed, is bound to abide by such restrictions.

Please check one:

- I Do Not authorize MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics to discuss my billing/medical information with any other individual.
- I authorize MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics to discuss my billing/medical information with:
 - Parents of minor child authorized only
 - Other: Name: _____ Relationship: _____

I have received, read and understand MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics Notice of Privacy Practices containing more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my health information. I understand that MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics has the right to change its Notice of Privacy Practices from time to time and I may contact at any time during normal business hours and obtain a current copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Patient Name: _____

Relationship to patient if other than patient: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

MVS Wound Care and Hyperbarics attempted to obtain the patient's signature in acknowledgement of this Notice of Privacy Practices, but was unable to do so as documented below:

Date: ____/____/____	Staff Initial: _____
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