

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)

On December 20, 2000, the federal government issued the final regulations on the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA). These rules were published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2000.

These new regulations established broad privacy protection for an individual's health records. The regulations apply virtually to all personal information, whether documented on electronic records, on paper, or through communications.

The rules require physicians to obtain a one-time advance written consent from their patients for the routine use and disclosure of their health data. Routine use, as defined by the Act, includes accessing a patient's confidential information for treatment purposes, discussing a patient's care with other physicians and medical personnel, forwarding the information to an insurance carrier for the purpose of payment and/or in compliance with rules established by the patient's own health plan.

Your signature below establishes that all use of your medical information for the above purposes is authorized and serves to document this office's compliance with the new HIPAA regulations.

Patient Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

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Patient'/Responsible Party Signature

Date

For Third Party Authorization,  
Relationship to Patient.

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