

# FCC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES



**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.**

FCC Behavioral Health is committed to providing quality healthcare services to you. An important part of that is protecting your medical information according to applicable law. This notice ("Notice") describes your rights and our duties under Federal Law, as well as other pertinent information. We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this Notice. Our staff will briefly review the key points contained herein once you have had an opportunity to read and sign. PHI includes any information that relates to (1) your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition; (2) providing health care to you; and (d) the past, present, or future payment of your health care. FCC Behavioral Health participates in a clinically integrated health care setting which is considered an organized health care provider. Each entity within the agency's arrangements will be able to access and use your PHI to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. The terms of this notice shall apply to FCC Behavioral Health privacy practices until it is changed by FCC Behavioral Health.

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. **Healthcare Operations.** "Healthcare Operations" means business activities that we engage in so as to provide healthcare services to you, including but not limited to, quality assessment and improvement activities, personnel training and evaluation, business planning and development, and other administrative and managerial functions.
2. **Payment.** "Payment" means activities that we undertake as a healthcare provider to obtain reimbursement for the provision of healthcare to you which include, but are not limited to: determinations of eligibility or coverage (including coordination of benefits or the determination of cost sharing amounts), and processing health benefit claims.
3. **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" or "PHI" means information which identifies you (e.g. name, address, social security number, etc.) and relates to your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition; the provision of healthcare to you; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of healthcare to you.
4. **Treatment.** "Treatment" means the provision, coordination, or management of healthcare and related services on your behalf, including the coordination or management of healthcare with a third party; consultation between FCC Behavioral Health and other healthcare providers relating to your care; or the referral by FCC Behavioral Health of your care to another healthcare provider.
5. **Appointment Reminders.** FCC Behavioral Health may contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

### **YOUR PRIVACY RIGHTS**

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

- **Get an electronic or paper copy of your medical record.** You can ask to see or get an electronic or paper copy of your medical record and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this. We will provide a copy or a summary of your health information, within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.
- **Ask us to correct your medical record.** You can ask us to correct health information about you that you think is incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.
- **Request confidential communication.** You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address. We will say "yes" to all reasonable requests.
- **Ask us to limit what we use and share.** You can ask us NOT to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations. We are not required to agree to your request, and may say "no" if it would affect your care. If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment, or our operations with your health insurer. We will say "yes" unless a law requires us to share that information.
- **Get a list of those with whom we've shared information.** You can ask for a list (accounting of disclosure) of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why. We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care

operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We will provide accounting once a year for free, but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12-months.

- **Get a copy of this privacy notice.** You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.
- **Choose someone to act for you.** If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information. We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.
- **File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated.** You may file a complaint in one of the following ways:

**CONTACT FCC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRIVACY OFFICER AT:**

HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer  
925 Highway V V, Kennett, MO 63857  
Email: shirleens@fccinc.org  
Phone: (573) 888-5925; Ext: 1027

**CONTACT THE OFFICER OF CIVIL RIGHTS AT:**

United States Dept. of Health and Human Services  
[www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/)  
Phone: (816) 436-7279

We will **NOT** retaliate or take action against you for filing a complaint.

## **YOUR CHOICES**

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

### **I. In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:**

- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in your care;
- Share information in a disaster relief situation;
- If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example, if you are unconscious, we may share your information if we believe it is in your best interest.
- We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

### **II. In these cases we will never share your information unless you give us written permission:**

- Marketing purposes;
- Sale of your information;
- Sharing of psychotherapy notes

## **FCC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH USES AND DISCLOSURES:**

How do we typically use or share your health information? We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

The following uses do **NOT** require your authorization, except where required by Missouri law.

- **Treat you.** We can use your health information and share it with other professionals who are treating you. For example: a doctor treating you for an injury asks another doctor about your overall health condition.
- **Run our organization.** We can use and share your health information to run our practice, improve your care, and contact you when necessary. For example, we use health information about you to manage your treatment and services.
- **Bill for your services.** We can use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities. For example, we give information about you to your health insurance plan so it will pay for your services.
- **In the case of fundraising.** We may use your PHI to contact you for fundraising efforts. We must include in any fundraising material you receive a description of how you may opt out of receiving future fundraising communications.
- How else can we use or share your health information? We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways-usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see: [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html)

**Help with public health and safety issues.** We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

**Conducting Research.** We can use or share your information for health research.

**Comply with the law.** We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.

**Respond to organ and tissue donation requests.** We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.

**Work with a medical examiner or funeral director.** We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.

**Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government request.**

**We can use or share health information about you:**

- For workers' compensation claims;
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official;
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law;
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services;
- Respond to lawsuits and legal actions.

## **FCC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES**

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

## **CHANGE IN NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

FCC Behavioral Health reserves the right to change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The notice will be available upon request, in our office, and on our website.

## **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about this notice or would like additional information, please contact the privacy official at the address and telephone number listed below or you may visit our web site at [www.fccinc.org](http://www.fccinc.org).

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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