

Notice of Privacy Practices
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This notice describes how your health information may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Please read it carefully.

At Dr. John Budden's office, we have always kept our health information secure and confidential. A new law requires us to continue maintaining your privacy, to give you this notice and to follow the terms of this notice.

The law permits us to use or disclose your health information to those involved in your treatment. For example, a review of your file by a specialist doctor who we may involve in your care.

We may use or disclose your health information for payment of your services. For example, we may send a report of your progress to your insurance company.

We may use or disclose your health information for our normal healthcare operations. For example, one of our staff will enter your information into our computer.

We may share your medical information with our business associates, such as a billing service. We have a written contract with each business associate that requires them to protect your privacy.

We may use your information to contact you. For example, we may call you and remind you about your appointment. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or with the person who answers the telephone.

In an emergency, we may disclose your health information to a family member or another person responsible for your care.

We may release some or all of your health information when required by law.

If this practice is sold, your information will become property of the new owner.

Except as described above, this practice will not use or disclose your health information without prior written consent.

You may request in writing that we not use or disclose your health information as described above. We will let you know if we can fulfill your request.

You have the right to know of any uses or disclosures we make with your health information beyond the normal uses.

As we will need to contact you from time to time, we will use whatever address or telephone number you prefer.

You have the right to transfer copies of your health information to another practice. Upon written request, we will release your records to you. The records can be picked up in our office at the above address.

You have the right to see and receive a copy of your health information, with a few exceptions. Give us a written request regarding the information you want to see. If you also want a copy of your records, we may charge you a reasonable fee for the copies.

You have a right to receive a copy of this notice.

If we change any of the details of this notice, we will notify you of the changes in writing.

You may file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

However, before filing a complaint, or for more information or assistance regarding your health information privacy, please contact our Privacy Officer, Nicole Champagne at (337) 422-6500.

This notice goes into effect as of January 19, 2016.

Acknowledgement

I have received this copy of Dr. Budden's Notice of Privacy Practices.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

If signing as a parent or guardian, please note the name of the patient _____.