



NATIONWIDE[®] HIPAA 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.

This Notice of Privacy Practices (the “Notice”) applies to Nationwide¹ and describes the legal obligations of Nationwide, and your legal rights regarding your protected health information held by Nationwide under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”). Among other things, this Notice describes how your Protected Health Information (“PHI” as that term is defined below) may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or healthcare operations, or for any other purposes that are permitted or required by law.

Nationwide is required by HIPAA and certain state laws to maintain the privacy of your PHI and to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your PHI. We are required to abide by the terms of this Notice so long as it remains in effect. Nationwide reserves the right to change the terms of this Notice and to make the new Notice effective for all PHI maintained by us, as allowed or required by law. If we make any material change to this Notice, we will provide you with a copy of the revised Notice by mail to your last-known address on file.

Protected Health Information (PHI) includes individually identifiable health information that is created or received by Nationwide and that relates to: (1) your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition, (2) the provision of health care to you, or (3) the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to you. PHI includes information of persons living or deceased.

USES AND DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Your Authorization. Certain uses and disclosures of PHI require your authorization. For example, most uses and disclosures of PHI for marketing purposes and disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI require a written authorization. Except as outlined below, we will not use or disclose your PHI without your written authorization. If you have given us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time, unless we have already acted on the authorization. Once we receive your written revocation, it will only be effective for future uses and disclosures.

Disclosures for Treatment, Payment or Health Care Operations. We may use or disclose your PHI as permitted by law for your treatment, payment, or health care operations. For instance, for your treatment, a doctor or health facility involved in your care may request information we hold in order to make decisions about your care. For payment, we may disclose your PHI to our pharmacy benefit manager for administration of your prescription drug benefit. For health care operations, we may use and disclose your PHI for our health care operations, which include responding to customer inquiries regarding benefits and claims.

¹ Nationwide Life Insurance Company[®], National Casualty Company and the area within Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company[®] that performs healthcare functions.

Family and Friends Involved In Your Care. With your approval, we may from time to time disclose your PHI to designated family, friends, and others who are involved in your care or in payment for your care in order to facilitate that person's involvement in caring for you or paying for your care.

If you are unavailable, incapacitated, or facing an emergency medical situation and we determine that a limited disclosure may be in your best interest, we may share limited PHI with such individuals without your approval.

Business Associates. Certain aspects and components of our services are performed through contracts with outside persons or organizations. At times it may be necessary for us to provide your PHI to one or more of these outside persons or organizations. For example, we may disclose your PHI to a business associate to administer claims or to provide support services. In all cases, we require these business associates by contract to appropriately safeguard the privacy of your information.

Other Health-Related Products or Services. We may, from time to time, use your PHI to determine whether you might be interested in or benefit from treatment alternatives or other health-related programs, products, or services which may be available to you as a member of the health plan. For example, we may use your PHI to identify whether you have a particular illness, and advise you that a disease management program to help you manage your illness better is available to you. We will not use your information to communicate with you about products or services which are not health-related without your written permission.

Plan Administration. We may release your PHI to your plan sponsor for administrative purposes, provided we have received certification that the information will be maintained in a confidential manner and not used in any other manner not permitted by law.

Other Uses and Disclosures. We are permitted or required by law to make certain other uses and disclosures of your PHI without your authorization. We may release your PHI for any purpose required by law. This may include releasing your PHI to law enforcement agencies; public health agencies; government oversight agencies; workers compensation; for government audits, investigations, or civil or criminal proceedings; for approved research programs; when ordered by a court or administrative agency; to the armed forces if you are a member of the military; and other similar disclosures we are required by law to make.

OTHER PRIVACY LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Certain other state and federal privacy laws and regulations may further restrict access to and uses and disclosures of your personal health information or provide you with additional rights to manage such information. If you have questions regarding these rights, please send a written request to your designated contact as explained in the "Contact Information" section, below.

RIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE

Access to Your PHI. You have the right to copy and/or inspect much of the PHI that we retain on your behalf. All requests for access must be made in writing and signed by you or your personal representative. We may charge you a fee if you request a copy of the information. The amount of the fee will be indicated on the request form. A request form can be obtained by writing your designated contact at the address provided in the "Contact Information" section.

Amendments to Your PHI. You have the right to request that the PHI that we maintain about you be amended or corrected. We are not obligated to make all requested amendments but will give each request careful consideration. If the information is incorrect or incomplete and we decide to make an amendment or correction, we may also notify others who work with us and have copies of the uncorrected record if we believe that such notification is necessary. A request form can be obtained by writing to your designated contact at the address provided in the "Contact Information" section.

Accounting for Disclosures of Your PHI. You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures made by us of your PHI. Requests must be made in writing and signed by you or your personal representative. A request form can be obtained by writing your designated contact at the address provided in the “Contact Information” section.

Restrictions on Use and Disclosure of Your PHI. You have the right to request restrictions on some of our uses and disclosures of your PHI. We will consider, but are not required to agree to, your restriction request. A request form can be obtained by writing your designated contact at the address provided in the “Contact Information” section.

Request for Confidential Communications. You have the right to request and we will accommodate reasonable requests by you to receive communications regarding your PHI information from us by alternative means or at alternative locations. A request form can be obtained by writing your designated contact at the address provided in the “Contact Information” section.

Right to be Notified of a Breach. You have the right to be notified in the event we discover a breach of your unsecured PHI.

Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice. You have the right to a paper copy of this notice, even if you have requested such copy by e-mail or other electronic means.

Complaints. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a written complaint with your designated contact as explained in the “Contact Information” section, below. You may also file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights, in writing within 180 days of a violation of your rights. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about this Notice, need copies of any forms or require further assistance with any of the rights explained above, contact us by calling 1-800-328-2739 or mail your request to:

Student Assurance Services
Attn: Diana Miller
PO Box 196
Stillwater, MN 55082-0196

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Notice is effective 9/15/2015