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[HIPAA Privacy Notice](#)

Caring Pediatrics Associates has always recognized the importance of privacy; this new federal law formalizes practice that has been followed routinely.

Background: In 1996, Congress recognized the need for national patient privacy standards and, as part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, abbreviated as HIPPA, ordered that a set of rules be established to control how health information is used and disclosed, as maintained by doctors, hospital and health plans. Health information is considered sensitive and personal, and the law establishes consumer protection and limits the sharing of such information, as do similar protections already enacted for bank accounts, credit cards, and even video rentals.

- **By Law, consent is not required to discuss your medical treatment with your other doctors or health care providers. This allows, also for a prescription to be called into your pharmacy and for scheduling of surgery in a hospital.**
- **Additionally, none is needed in the course of carrying out health care operations, such as quality assessment, or in communication with your insurance carrier for payment related issues, or for incidental uses, such as announcing a name in a waiting room or the use of sign-in-sheets.**
- **However, Caring Pediatric Associates has always gone one step further in protecting you and does not believe in releasing specific information about you to any business or governmental entity without your written consent.**
- **Specific authorization is required to disclose protected information in a non-routine circumstance, such as to your employer or for use in marking a product to you.**
- **Medical information about you may be released for research and public health uses, as long as you are not individually identified.**
- **You are guaranteed access to review your medical records, and you may amend the record if you believe it to be incomplete or inaccurate.**
- **You have the right to review when and whom your information was released.**
- **You may suggest additional restrictions with regards to certain uses and disclosures, if you wish.**
- **Portions of notice may be modified, as long as you are notified.**
- **Should you believe that your privacy rights have been compromised, you may report the violation, without penalty to you, to this office or to the Secretary of Health.**
- **The law requires that you acknowledge receipt of this notice: this has been included on the signature release on your acceptance policies form.**