

When we use the word “we” or “System” we mean the Tanner Health System, its affiliates, medical professionals and other parties who assist us in our business.

Our Legal Duty

We have a duty to protect the confidentiality of medical information about you. We are required to provide you with a Notice of Privacy Practices explaining ways we may use and disclose your medical information. The Notice also describes your legal rights and our obligations regarding the use and disclosure of your medical information.

Parties Following the Notice

The Notice of Privacy Practices will be followed by the System and its affiliates, together with their healthcare professionals, staff and volunteers, members of the TMC, Inc. Medical Staff and those participating in managed care networks with the System, and other legal entities that provide services to the System.

How We May Use and Disclose Medical Information About You

We may use or disclose identifiable health information about you for many reasons, including:

- Treatment
- Activities of managed care networks in which we participate
- Payment
- Activities of our affiliates
- Healthcare operations
- Appointment reminders
- Health oversight activities
- Fundraising activities
- Public health purposes
- Organ donation
- Auditing
- To avert a serious threat to health or safety
- National security and protective services
- To coroners, medical examiners and funeral directors
- Research
- Workers' compensation
- To military command authorities
- Lawsuits and disputes
- As required by law
- Law enforcement purposes

In general, other uses and disclosures of your medical information will require your written authorization. We may use or disclose certain limited information about you, unless you object or request a limitation of the disclosure, for:

- Directories, excluding psychiatric facility patients
- Individuals involved in your care or payment

Your Privacy Rights:

You have the following rights with respect to your health information:

- The right to request confidential communications and alternative means of communication with you
- The right to request restrictions on certain uses of your health information
- The right to inspect and copy certain medical information that we maintain about you
- The right to request an amendment of your health information
- The right to an accounting of certain disclosures of your health information

Changes to the Notice

We reserve the right to change the Notice of Privacy Practices. We will post any revised Notice in the facility.

Complaints

If you believe your rights have been violated, you may file a written complaint with the Tanner Health System Privacy Officer by calling 770.836.9666 or with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa> or by calling 866.627.7748.

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Summary 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.

Privacy Practices

