

# 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

We Value Your Right to Privacy



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When we use the word “we” or “system,” we mean Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama, its affiliates, medical professionals and other parties who assist us in our business.

### Our Legal Duty

Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama has a duty to protect the confidentiality of medical information about you. This is a brief summary of our Notice of Privacy Practices. We are required to provide you with notice explaining ways we may use and disclose your medical information and describing your legal rights and our obligations regarding the use and disclosure of your medical information.

### Parties Following the Notice

The Notice will be followed by Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama and its affiliates, together with their healthcare professionals, staff and volunteers; members of the Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama medical staff and those participating in managed care networks with Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama; and other legal entities that provide services to Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama.

### How We May Use and Disclose Medical Information About You

We may use or disclose identifiable health information about you for many reasons, including but not limited to the following:

- Treatment, payment and healthcare operations
- Activities of managed care networks in which we participate
- Activities of our affiliates
- Appointment reminders
- Health oversight activities
- Fundraising activities (unless you opt out)
- 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, administrative hearings and reviews, and disputes
- As required by law
- Law enforcement purposes

We may use or disclose certain limited information about you, unless you object or request a limitation of the disclosure, for:

- Hospital directories
- Individuals involved in your care or payment
- Health information exchanges (HIE)

**In general, other uses and disclosures of your medical information not described in our full Notice of Privacy Practices will require your written authorization.** For example, most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses and disclosures for marketing purposes and disclosures that constitute the sale of personal health information (PHI) require an authorization.

### 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 (including restriction of your information to your insurance company when you have paid in full).

- The right to inspect and copy certain medical information that we maintain
- The right to request an amendment of your health information
- The right to an accounting of certain disclosures of your health information
- The right to receive notice of a breach of your unsecured health information

### Changes to the Notice

We reserve the right to change the notice. We will post any revised notice in our facilities and on our website at [tanner.org](http://tanner.org).

### Complaints

If you believe your rights have been violated, you may file a written complaint with the Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama Privacy Officer or with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### Copy of the Complete Notice of Privacy Practices

Copies of our full Notice of Privacy Practices are available within our facilities at primary registration sites and on our website at [tanner.org/eastalabama](http://tanner.org/eastalabama). We will be happy to provide you with a copy upon your request.

**If you have any questions about this Summary Notice, please contact the Tanner Medical Center/East Alabama Privacy Officer at 770.812.9666.**

**This information is effective as of Oct. 4, 2017.**

