

HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care

We are writing to inform you of important updates to the HIPAA Privacy Rule that affect the request and release of reproductive health-related medical records. These updates were implemented to enhance the privacy and protection of patients' reproductive health information.

Key Changes to the HIPAA Privacy Rule

The revised rule places additional safeguards on the disclosure of protected health information (PHI) related to reproductive health. Specifically, certain types of requests and requestors now require a formal attestation to ensure compliance with these new privacy standards.

When an Attestation is Required

An attestation must be submitted for requests that fall into the following categories:

- **Health oversight activities**
- **Judicial or administrative proceedings (i.e. ALL subpoenas)**
- **Law enforcement**
- **Coroners or medical examiners regarding decedents**

The attestation must confirm that the request aligns with the permitted uses and disclosures outlined in the HIPAA Privacy Rule and does not violate a patient's rights under applicable federal or state laws. The attached attestation meets these requirements.

How to Comply

To assist with this process, we have attached an attestation form that outlines the necessary details and compliance criteria. When submitting a request, please complete and include this attestation form to avoid delays in processing your request. **All sections of this form are required. Please ensure no fields are left blank including the check box.**

Our goal is to uphold patient privacy and ensure compliance with federal regulations while continuing to support your access to necessary medical records.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions or need additional assistance, please feel free to reach out to us using the contact information below.