

# Patient Privacy Policies (HIPAA)

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The Federal HIPAA law regulates the **use, disclosure and security** of **Personally-identifiable Health Information (PHI)** including financial information, as needed for diagnosis, treatment and billing of healthcare services, requiring security of patients' health and financial information, and limiting disclosure of such information to properly qualified persons only, and to the minimum disclosure necessary to accomplish these purposes (unless required otherwise by a government agency or court of law).

Patients can request additional restrictions on release of their personal information, and have the right to request explanation of these policies from the provider. Patients have the right to view their personal information and to request corrections to it, and to request copies of their medical information. For more information, questions or concerns on healthcare privacy issues, contact Dr. Bradford or <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/>.