

Schertz Parkway Physical Therapy

Notice of Privacy Practices

As Required by the Privacy Regulations Created as a Result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

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.

Uses and Disclosures

Treatment. Schertz Parkway Physical Therapy, PLLC may use your health information to provide you with medical treatment or services. For example, information obtained by a health care provider, such as a physician, nurse, or other person providing health services to you, will record information in your record that is related to your treatment. This information is necessary for health care providers to determine what treatment you should receive. Health care providers will also record actions taken by them in the course of your treatment and note how you respond to the actions.

Payment. Your health information may be used to seek payment from your health plan, for other sources of coverage such as an automobile insurer, insurance companies or from credit card companies that you may use to pay for services. For example, your health plan may request and receive information on dates of services, the services provided, and the medical condition being treated.

Health care operations. Your health information may be used as necessary to support the day-to-day activities and management of **Schertz Parkway Physical Therapy**. For example, information on the services you received may be used to support budgeting and financial reporting, and activities to evaluate and promote quality.

Law Enforcement. Your health information may be disclosed to law-enforcement agencies to support government audits and inspections, to facilitate law-enforcement investigations, and to comply with government mandated reporting.

Public health reporting. Your health information may be disclosed to public health agencies as required by law. For example, we are required to report certain communicable diseases to the state's public health department.

Workers Compensation. Your health information may be used or disclosed in order to comply with laws and regulations related to Workers Compensation.

Other uses and disclosures require your authorization. Disclosure of your health information or its use for any purpose other than those listed above requires your specific written authorization. If you change your mind after authorizing a use or disclosure of your information you may submit a written revocation of the authorization. However, your decision to revoke the authorization will not affect or undo any use or disclosure of information that occurred before you notified us of your decision to revoke your authorization.

Individual Rights

You have certain rights under the federal privacy standards. These include:

- The right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your protected health information
- The right to receive confidential communications concerning your medical condition and treatment
- The right to inspect and copy your protected health information
- The right to amend or submit corrections to your protected health information
- The right to receive accounting of how and to whom your protected health information has been disclosed
- The right to receive a printed copy of the notice

Schertz Parkway Physical Therapy, PLLC Duties

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information and to provide you with this notice of privacy practices. We also are required to abide by the privacy policies and practices that are outlined in this notice.

Right to Revise Privacy Practices

As permitted by law, we reserve the right amend or modify our privacy policies and practices. These changes in our policies and practices may be required by changes in federal and state laws and regulations. Upon request, we will provide you with the most recently revised notice on any office visit. The revised policies and practices will be applied to all protected health information we maintain.

Requests to Inspect Protected Health Information

You may generally inspect or copy the protected health information that we maintain. As permitted by federal regulation, we require that requests to inspect or copy protected health information be submitted in writing. You may obtain a form to request access to your records by contacting The Privacy Officer, Schertz Parkway Physical Therapy, 1420 Schertz Parkway Unit 100 Schertz, TX 78154. Your request will be reviewed and will generally be approved unless there are legal or medical reasons to deny the request.

Complaints

If you would like to submit a comment or complaint about our privacy practices, you can do so by sending a letter outlining your concerns to:

Privacy Officer
Schertz Parkway Physical Therapy, PLLC
1420 Schertz Parkway Unit 100
Schertz, TX 78154

You will not be penalized or otherwise retaliated against for filing a complaint.

I understand that I may request in writing that you restrict how my private information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. I also understand that you are not required to agree with my requested restrictions, but if you do agree then you are bound to abide by such restrictions.

Patient Name: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have attempted to obtain the patient’s signature in Acknowledgment of this notice of Privacy Practices, but was unable to do so as documented below:

Date: _____ Initials: _____ Reason: _____