

HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a federal law that is designed to protect the privacy of patient information, provide for the electronic and physical security of health and patient medical information, and simplify billing and other electronic transactions by standardized codes and procedures. A piece of this law recently took effect and is known as HIPAA Privacy Rule. The HIPAA Privacy Rule creates a minimum federal standard for the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) by health care organizations. One of the requirements of the Privacy Rule is that we give to you a Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) which describes your rights and protections regarding your health care records (PHI). This document is included as part of the intake process and will need to be completed prior to or during your initial appointment.

As always, I remain committed to maintaining your confidentiality and the privacy of psychological, counseling, and therapy records and will continue to adhere to ethical guidelines as well as state and federal law.

If you have questions about the NPP or HIPAA regulations, please let me know.

My signature below indicates that I have been given a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Client

Date

Client

Date

***By digitally signing, I am acknowledging my agreement with and the receipt of this document. I may be asked to initial this document during my first session as well.**