

Confidentiality of Personal and Health Information (PHI)

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.

Desiree M. Bramlett, MS; LMFT is committed to protecting the personal and health information (PHI) of her clients in each of the settings in which such information is received or disclosed.

When you complete an application for health coverage, your signature authorizes your health plan to collect personal information that includes both your “medical information and individually identifiable information about you such as your social security number, date of birth, address, telephone number, etc. As a client of Desiree M. Bramlett, MS; LMFT this general consent allows Desiree M. Bramlett, MS; LMFT to communicate with your authorized providers and health plan about treatment and payment decisions.

She will not disclose, sell, or otherwise use your PHI unless permitted by law for protection of personal safety and to the extent necessary to administer your benefit.

She will obtain written authorization from you to use your PHI for any other purpose than indicated above.

For any of her clients unable to give consent, we have a policy in place to protect your rights and which permits your legally authorized representative to give consent on your behalf.

Desiree M. Bramlett, MS; LMFT will also not release your PHI to your employer without your specific authorization, unless law permits such release.

Desiree M. Bramlett, MS; LMFT has policies in place to allow you to inspect your medical records and, when needed, to include a written statement from you. You also have the right to request an accounting of disclosures of PHI made for purposes other than those stated above. To exercise any of these rights, contact Desiree M. Bramlett, MS, LMFT.

If at any time you have a complaint regarding how your PHI was used and/or disclosed, you may contact Desiree M. Bramlett, MS; LMFT or file a grievance with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) in Sacramento, which will be investigated and outcome reported in writing to member and health plan.