

HIPAA Notice of Electronic Communication Privacy Practices

HIPAA stands for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and was passed by the US government in 1996 in order to establish privacy and security protections for health information.

At Innate Chiropractic Health, LLC, all information stored in our Electronic Health Records system is encrypted.

When we correspond via email or other electronic forms of communication, the information that is sent is not automatically encrypted. This means that a third party may be able to access the information and read it since it is transmitted over the Internet. In addition, once the messages are received, someone may be able to access the account and read it.

Electronic correspondence is very popular and a convenient way to communicate for a lot of people, and is the preferred method of communication at Innate. In the 2013 modification to the HIPAA act, the federal government provided guidance on email and HIPAA.

The information is available in a PDF (page 5634) on the US Department of Health and Human Services website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-25/pdf/2013-01073.pdf>

The guidelines state that if a patient has been made aware of the risks of an unencrypted email, and that same patient provides consent to receive health information via email, then a health entity (Innate) may send that patient personal medical information via unencrypted email.

OPTION 1 – ALLOW UNENCRYPTED Messages I understand the risks of unencrypted email and do hereby grant permission to Innate Chiropractic Health, LLC to send me personal health information via unencrypted email.

OPTION 2 – ALLOW ONLY ENCRYPTED Messages (EMAIL ONLY) I prefer to receive an encrypted email when receiving personal health information. [Please note that you will be required to register with Proof Point in order to access emails received with encryption.]

ADDITIONAL: By checking the box(es) below, I am consenting to accepting electronic text message reminders, emails and/or phone calls for pending and future appointments. I may cancel this at any time. Email Text/SMS Voice

Printed Name

Signature

Date