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HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

This notice describes the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and how medical information about you may be used and disclosed as well as how you can get access to this information. Please read it carefully.

Patient Rights To Privacy

The clinicians at CCFEG are dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your personal health information (PHI) as part of providing professional care. We are required by law to keep your information private and you must be given the following legal information.

This document is a shorter version of the full, legally required **Notice of Privacy Practices**. You may have a copy of the longer version, if you request it. In addition, a copy of this document is available in the HIPAA Help folder reception area. Or, you may read the full version of the Notice of Privacy Practices online. Please review at the following website:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/>

If you have any questions or concerns about your rights or privacy, please speak to your therapist about them.

Release of Health Care Information

Information about your health (obtained from you or from your other health care providers) is used mainly to provide you with treatment. It may also be used for business activities, referred to as "healthcare operations" in the HIPAA Help folder. These include providing you with a receipt or billing statement for the session payment you have made a diagnosis/diagnoses and type of treatment session provided, if requested.

If you, or your CCFEG therapist, want to disclose (send/share/release) your healthcare information for any other purpose, your therapist will discuss this with you ask that you sign an authorization form to allow this. (Your therapist cannot disclose this information without your written permission.)