



NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES Effective Date: 03/01/2025

This Notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Please review it carefully.

Our Responsibilities

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information (PHI), provide this notice of our privacy practices, and abide by the terms of this notice. We will notify you in the event of a breach of your unsecured PHI.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices. Any changes will apply to all PHI we maintain. Revised notices will be available at your request, in our office, and on our website.

How We May Use and Disclose Your Information

We may use and share your information:

- **For Treatment:** To provide and coordinate your dental care.
- **For Payment:** To bill and collect for services provided to you.
- **For Healthcare Operations:** For administrative activities such as quality improvement, staff evaluations, training, and compliance.
- **Appointment Reminders & Alternatives:** To contact you about appointments or suggest treatment alternatives.
- **To Business Associates:** Who perform services on our behalf under contract.
- **To Family/Friends Involved in Your Care:** If you consent or when allowed under applicable law.
- **As Required by Law:** For public health activities, abuse reporting, law enforcement, court orders, etc.
- **In Case of a Breach:** To notify you as required under HIPAA and HITECH.
- **For Fundraising:** You have the right to opt out of such communications.

We may not use or disclose your PHI for marketing purposes or sell your information without your written authorization.

Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Access your medical records
- Request restrictions on certain uses or disclosures
- Request confidential communication
- Request corrections or amendments to your record
- Receive an accounting of disclosures
- Obtain a paper or electronic copy of this notice
- File a complaint without retaliation

Requests must be submitted in writing. Reasonable fees may apply for copies or summaries.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns, or if you wish to exercise your rights, please contact:

Privacy Officer

Emergency Dental America
4611 S. 96th Street Omaha NE 68127
Jmlynarik@emergencydentalusa.com

You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at www.hhs.gov/hipaa.

Acknowledgment of Receipt

I acknowledge I have received a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Signature Date

Printed Name

Relationship to the Patient (if applicable)

STATE-SPECIFIC PRIVACY ADDENDUM

This section supplements our federal HIPAA Notice for patients in specific states:

- **California (CA):** In addition to HIPAA, you have rights under the CMIA and CCPA, including access, deletion, and data sharing limitations. We do not sell patient information.
- **Nevada (NV):** You may request that we not share your PHI with out-of-state entities without written consent.
- **Arizona (AZ):** State laws provide additional protections for HIV/AIDS, mental health, and genetic testing records.
- **Utah (UT):** Mental health records are specially protected. Disclosures require specific written consent.
- **Colorado (CO):** Breach notifications are issued within 30 days. No access fees for digital records in most cases.
- **Nebraska (NE):** Special rules apply to genetic testing and mental health records.
- **Missouri (MO):** Mental health records are further protected by state law.
- **Ohio (OH):** Covered under the Ohio Data Protection Act. We follow industry-recognized cybersecurity standards.
- **Michigan (MI):** Enhanced protection for psychotherapy notes and mental health disclosures.
- **Wisconsin (WI):** State laws govern use of mental health, developmental disabilities, and AODA records.
- **Florida (FL):** Breach notifications must be issued within 30 days.
- **Tennessee (TN):** Mental health records are strictly regulated. PHI may not be disclosed without written consent.
- **Oklahoma (OK):** State law protects genetic and certain mental health information.

Please contact our Privacy Officer for details specific to your state.