

Provider Notice of Privacy Practice

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.

Use and Disclosures of Health Information:

We use health information about you for treatment, to obtain payment for treatment, for administrative purposes, to evaluate the quality of care that you receive, and in consultation with the physicians at Four Corner's OB/GYN when protocols require a chart review. Continuity of care is part of treatment and your records may be shared with other providers to whom you are referred. Information may be shared by paper mail, electronic mail, fax or other methods.

We may use or disclose identifiable health information about you without your authorization for several reasons. Subject to certain requirements, we may give out health information without your authorization for public health purposes, for auditing purposes, for research studies, and for emergencies. We provide information when otherwise required by law, such as for law enforcement in specific circumstances. In any other situation, we will ask you for your written authorization before using or disclosing any identifiable health information about you. If you choose to sign an authorization to disclose information, you can later revoke that authorization to stop further uses and disclosures.

We may change our policy at any time. Before we make a significant change in our policy, we will change our notice and post the new notice in the waiting area. You can also request a copy of our notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, contact the person(s) listed in the "Our Legal Duty" section below.

Individual Rights:

In most cases, you have the right to look at or get a copy of health information about you that we use to make decisions about you. If you request copies, we will charge you only normal photocopy fees. You also have the right to receive a list of instances where we have disclosed health information about you for reasons other than treatment, payment or related administrative purposes and other than when you explicitly authorized it. If you believe that information in your record is incorrect or if important information is missing, you have the right to request that we correct the existing information or add missing information.

Complaints:

If you are concerned that we violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your records, you may contact the person(s) listed in the "Our Legal Duty" section below. You may also send a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The person(s) listed in the "Our Legal Duty" section below can provide you with the appropriate address upon request.

Our Legal Duty:

We are required by law to protect the privacy of your information, provide this notice about our information practices that are described in the notice, and obtain your acknowledgment of receipt of this notice. If you have any questions or complaints, please contact Mary-Louise Walton, CNM or Amy E. Ginn, CNM, (co-owners of Southwest Midwives Inc.) at the address listed above.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

Please sign your name and print your name and date on this acknowledgement form and return to the receptionist or to the address above. (Upon request, we will gladly provide you with a copy of this privacy notice for your records.)

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____