

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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.

USES AND DISCLOSURES

Treatment. Your health information may be used by staff members or disclosed to other health care professionals for the purpose of evaluating your health, diagnosing medical conditions, and providing treatment. For example, results of laboratory tests and procedures will be available in your medical record to all health professionals who may provide treatment of who may be consulted by staff members.

Payment. Your health information may be used to seek payment from your health plan, form other sources of coverage such as an automobile insurer, or from credit card companies that you may use to pay for services. For example, your health plan may request and receive information on dates of service, the services provided, and the medical condition being treated.

Health Care Operations. Your health information may be used as necessary to support the day-to-day activities and management of Ridgewood Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center. For example, information on the services you received may be used to support budgeting and financial reporting, and activities to evaluate and promote quality.

Law Enforcement. Your health information may be disclosed to the public health agencies as required by law. For example, we are required to report certain communicable diseases to the state's public health department.

Other uses and disclosures require your authorization. Disclosure of your health information or its use for any purpose other than those listed above requires your specific written authorization will not affect or undo any use or disclosure of information that occurred before you notified us of your decision to revoke your authorization.

ADDITIONAL USES OF INFORMATION

Information about treatments. Your health information may be used to send you information that you may find interesting on the treatment and management of your medical condition. We may also send you information describing other health-related products and services that we believe may interest you.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

You have certain rights under the federal privacy standards. These include:

The right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your Protected health information.

The right to receive confidential communications concerning your medical condition and treatment.

The right to inspect and copy your protected health information.

The right to receive an accounting of how and to whom your protected health information has been disclosed.

The right to receive a printed copy of this notice.

RIDGEWOOD PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER DUTIES

As permitted by law, we reserve the right to amend or modify our policies and practices. These changes in our policies and practices may be required by changes in federal and state laws and regulations. Upon request, we will provide you with the most recently revised notice of any visit. The revised policies and practices will be applied to all protected health information we maintain.

REQUESTS TO INSPECT PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

You may generally inspect or copy the protected health information that we maintain. As permitted by federal regulation, we require that requests to inspect or copy protected health information be submitted in writing. You may obtain a form to request access to your records by contacting the Office Manager or Marc Madison. Your request will be reviewed and will generally be approved unless there are legal or medical reasons to deny the request.

COMPLAINTS

If you would like to submit a comment or complaint about our privacy policies, you can do so by sending a letter outlining your concerns to:

**Marc Madison
Ridgewood Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center
104 Chestnut Street
Ridgewood, NJ 07450**

If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you should call the matter to our attention by sending a letter describing the cause of your concern to the same address listed above.