



NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES
THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND
DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION
PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY

Pinnacle Anesthesia Consultants, P.A., Pinnacle Consultants, L.P. ("Pinnacle") and Pinnacle Pain Medicine are affiliated entities that have entered into an Organized Health Care Arrangement and are jointly issuing this Notice of Privacy Practices about the information we share in common and your legal rights and our common duties with respect to your health information.

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

We understand that health information about you and your health care is personal. We are committed to protecting health information about you. We create a record of the care and services you receive from us. We need this record to provide you with quality care, bill for your care, and comply with legal requirements. This notice applies to all of the records of your care that we maintain, whether made by our staff and authorized trainees, or by your personal doctor. This notice tells you about the ways in which Pinnacle may use and disclose health information about you. We also describe your rights to the health information we keep about you, and describe our obligations regarding the use and disclosure of your health information.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

Pinnacle doctors, nurses, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, and other health care professionals may use health information about you to provide you with health care treatment or services. We may also disclose health information about you to others who are involved in taking care of you. For example, we may send health information about you to a specialist as part of a referral.

Pinnacle may use and disclose health information about you to obtain payment for the treatment and services you receive from us. For example, we may send billing information to your insurance company or Medicare. We may also tell your insurance company about a treatment you are going to receive to obtain prior approval or to determine whether your plan will cover the treatment. Pinnacle may send you a statement of your account if payment is due from you. We may send the guarantor (responsible party for payment) monthly statements for charges for all patient's under that guarantor.

Pinnacle may use and disclose health information about you to support our health care operations. For example, we may use health information to review the treatment and services and to evaluate the performance of our staff in caring for you. We may combine health information about many patients to decide what additional services we should offer. We may remove information that identifies you from this set of health information so others may use it to study health care delivery without learning who our specific patients are.

We may disclose information to notify a family member or other person responsible for your care about your condition, status, and location.

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