



STATEMENT OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

We at Amanda M. Tinkle's office are dedicated to protect the privacy rights of our patients and the confidential information entrusted to us. The commitment of each employee to ensure that your health information is never compromised is a principle concept of our practice. We may, from time to time amend our privacy policies and practices but will always inform you of any changes that might affect your rights.

Protecting Your Personal Healthcare Information

We use and disclose the information we collect from you only as allowed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. This includes issues relating to your treatment, payment, and our dental care operations. However, your personal protected health information will never be otherwise given to anyone—even family member—without your written consent. You, of course, may give written authorization for us to disclose your information to anyone you choose, for any purpose.

Our offices and electronic systems are secure from unauthorized access and our employees are trained to make certain that the confidentiality, integrity, and access to your records is always protected. Our privacy policy and practices apply to all former, current, and future patients, so you can be confident that your protected health information will never be improperly disclosed or released.

Collecting Protected Health Information

We will only request personal information needed to provide our standard of quality dental care, implement payment activities, contact normal dental practice operations and comply with the law. This may include your name, address, telephone number(s), social security number, employment data, medical history, health records etc. While most of the information will be collected from you, we may obtain information from third parties if it is deemed necessary. Regardless of the source, the information will always be protected to the full extent of the law.

Disclosure of your Protected Health Information

As stated above, we may disclose information as required by law. This includes issues in which we are also obligated to provide information to law enforcement officials under certain circumstances. We will not use your information for marketing purposes without your written consent. We may use and/or disclose your health information to communicate reminders about your appointments including voicemail messages, answering machines and postcards unless you direct otherwise. We will never disclose, sell or otherwise allow access to your personal, protected information in exchange for or receipt of financial remuneration.

Any breach in the protection of your personal health information, including unauthorized acquisition, access, use or disclose will be fully investigated, addressed and mitigated as established by the HIPAA privacy Breach Notification Rule. You have a right to and will be provided all information relating to any breach involving your personal PHI.

Patient Rights

You have a right to request copies of your healthcare information; to request copies in a variety of formats; and to request a list of instances in which we, or our business associates, have disclosed your protected information for uses other than stated above. All such requests must be in writing. We may charge for your copies in an amount allowed by law. If you believe your right have been violated we urge you to notify us immediately. You can, also, notify the U.S. Department of Human Services. We thank you for being a patient at Amanda M. Tinkle, DMD, PS. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning your privacy rights and the protection of your personal health information.