

MID AMERICA HEART, P.C.

Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

1. Mid America Heart, P.C. is permitted to make uses and disclosures of protected health information for treatment, payment and health care operations, as described in the following examples:
 - a. For treatment – The collection and sharing of protected health information by and among health professionals involved in the treatment and care of our patient.
 - b. For payment – The use of protected health information in billing the patient’s insurance carrier or their business partners to include personal identification, medical symptoms, and treatments for which Mid America Heart, P.C. seeks payment for services or in response to queries from the insurer or their business partners in adjudicating the claim.
 - c. For health care operations – The use of protected health information for compliance issues related to HEDIS, clinical critical pathway analysis, etc.
2. Mid America Heart, P.C. is permitted or required, under specific circumstances, to use or disclose protected health information without the Individual’s written consent or authorization.
3. Other uses and disclosures will be made only with the Individual's written authorization, and the Individual may revoke such authorization.
4. Mid America Heart, P.C. intends to engage in one or more of the following activities:
 - a. Mid America Heart, P.C. may contact the Individual to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to the Individual or patient;
 - b. A group health plan, or a health insurance issuer or HMO with respect to a group health plan, may disclose protected health information to the sponsor of the plan.
5. The Individual has the following rights regarding protected health information:
 - a. The right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information. Mid America Heart, P.C. is not required to agree to a requested restriction, however.
 - b. The right to receive confidential communications of protected health information, as applicable.

- c. The right to inspect and copy protected health information, as provided in the Regulation.
 - d. The right to amend protected health information, as provided in the regulation.
 - e. The right to receive an accounting of disclosures of protected health information.
 - f. The right to obtain a paper copy of the Notice from the covered entity upon request. This right extends to an Individual who has agreed to receive the Notice electronically.
6. Mid America Heart, P.C. is required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information and to provide Individuals with notice of its legal duties and Privacy practices with respect to protected health information.
 7. Mid America Heart, P.C. is required to abide by the terms of the Notice currently in effect.
 8. Mid America Heart, P.C. reserves the right to change the terms of this Notice. The new Notice provisions will be effective for all protected health information that it maintains.
 9. Mid America Heart, P.C. will provide Individuals or Patients with a revised Notice by mail if requested, otherwise a new notice may be obtained at the offices.
 10. Individuals may complain to Mid America Heart, P.C. and to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, without fear of retaliation by the organization, if they believe their privacy rights have been violated. Individuals may file a complaint by writing their specific complaint and any demand they may have and addressing it to the Practice Manager.
 11. Mid America Heart, P.C.'s contact number for matters of Privacy is:
 - a. (618) 632-1495
 12. This Notice is first in effect on July 1, 2008