

# HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) addresses the right of patients to have their medical information kept private and confidential. This federal law applies to all health insurance plans, hospitals, clinics, other facilities, services, programs, employees, providers and medical staff members affiliated with Providence Health & Services, Oregon.

Under HIPAA, any electronic, written or oral health information that can identify a specific patient is considered Protected Health Information. Providence Health Plan fully supports this law and has spent several years reviewing our policies and bringing all departments and divisions into HIPAA compliance. Every member's health care information is a personal matter, and we are committed to protecting its confidentiality.

If an employee would like his or her health insurance information released to a third party, please contact us to complete the Authorization to Use or Disclose Protected Health Information form. We will not release any health information to anyone other than as instructed by individual members.