

APPENDIX N

Quick Reference Regarding Disclosures Requiring/Not Requiring Written Patient Authorization

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Disclosures Not Requiring Written Patient Authorization:

- To the patient himself/herself (Manual, Section C.1.1.1).
- To other persons/entities for purposes of the Practice's treatment, payment or health care operations (Manual, Section C.1.1.2).
- To another health care provider for that provider's treatment of the patient (Manual, Section C.1.1.3).
- To other health care providers or HIPAA "covered entities" for purposes of their making/obtaining payment for health care services (Manual, Section C.1.1.4).
- To a HIPAA "covered entity" for purposes of its health care operations (Manual, Section C.1.1.5).
- To parents of minors, guardians, conservators or other authorized representatives of the patient (Manual, Section C.2).
- To family members and/or caregivers where patient does not object verbally or where disclosure is indicated by the provider's professional judgment (Manual, Section C.3).
- To government authorities as required by law (Manual, Section C.4):
 - public health reporting
 - child abuse/other abuse
 - domestic violence
 - health oversight activities (audits, investigations)
 - court orders, subpoenas, search warrants
 - law enforcement (under certain circumstances)
- To government authorities or potential victims to prevent serious harm or injury (Manual, Section C.5).
- To business associates pursuant to a proper business associate agreement (Manual, Section C.6).
- For certain "research" activities (Manual, Section C.7).
- For certain "marketing" activities (Manual, Section C.7).

Disclosures Requiring Written Patient Authorization

- All other disclosures of patient health information (Manual, Section B.2).