

BILTMORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATES
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES SUMMARY

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a significant health care reform law that passed Congress in 1996 and became law in 2001. HIPAA primary purpose is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system, help providers access patient's health care information, standardize the way the information is handled, and to ensure that Patient's Health Information (PHI) remains strictly confidential.

Biltmore Medical Associates Freely Uses and Shares Your Patient Health Information (PHI):

1. For treatment
2. For payment
3. For our health care operations
4. To make sure we are providing good services
5. To let you know about other treatments or services
6. To remind you of appointments

Biltmore Medical Associates May Use and Share Your Patient Health Information (PHI) Without First Giving You an Opportunity to Agree or Object:

1. To comply with the law
2. To promote public health
3. To comply with court order, subpoena, or legal request for your PHI
4. To help law enforcement purposes
5. To determine cause of death or for purposes of identifying you, should you die
6. For organ, eye or tissue donation purposes
7. For medical research
8. To promote safety or prevent danger
9. To provide information to specialized government functions (military, national security and intelligence, and other heads of state)
10. To help correctional institutions or law enforcement authorities having lawful custody of you

Under HIPAA, You Have the Right:

1. To request restriction on use and disclosure of PHI
2. To request different ways to communicate with you
3. To see and copy your PHI
4. To request amendment of your PHI
5. To have disclosures made of your PHI
6. To have a copy of Biltmore Medical Associates Notice of Privacy Practices
7. To file a complaint about our Privacy Practices

****PLEASE RETAIN THIS COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS. THANK YOU****