

Confidentiality of Protected Healthcare Information HIPPA

Confidentiality of patient healthcare information is important to the patient, the Facility and to you, the healthcare provider. AAMS healthcare providers should never talk about the patients they see in the Facility to anyone that is not also involved in caring for that patient.

Many laws require providers to maintain the confidentiality of healthcare information, including professional standards of ethics, state laws, and federal laws. New regulations under a federal law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) require health care providers to protect the confidentiality of healthcare information and give patients new rights about their healthcare information.

These new HIPPA regulations – called the Privacy Standards -- protect healthcare information, whether it is written, electronic or oral information.

The Privacy Standards require Facilities to have policies and procedures about how a patient's healthcare information is used internally and how that healthcare information is released to others outside the Facility. You must follow the Facilities policies about how to handle healthcare information. In general, you should only use patient healthcare information to assist in the treatment of a patient and should never release patient healthcare information outside the Facility. If there is a need for you to release patient healthcare information outside the Facility, you must get advance approval from your supervisor at the Facility.

Patients have new rights under the Privacy Standards, including the right to access their own healthcare information, the right to ask for changes to that information, the right to a list of releases the Facility makes, a right to ask the Facility to change the way it handles a specific patient's information, and a right to communicate in a confidential way. You should find out to whom you should refer patients if the patient has questions about these rights.

The government has the power to impose civil money fines and criminal penalties on you, the healthcare provider, and the Facility that violates the Privacy standards. If you violate the Facility policies or procedures regarding the confidentiality of healthcare information, it can constitute grounds for dismissal from the Facility, as well as termination from AAMS.

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Acknowledgement of Confidentiality of Patient Health Care Information

I acknowledge the confidentiality of patient health care information (“Confidential Patient information”) that I may receive or have access to in the course of providing patient care services at Facilities at which Across America Med Staffing, Inc assigns me. I shall maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Patient Information, and in doing so, shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, including, without limitation, the privacy provisions under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPPA”) and the policies and procedures of each participating hospital where I am assigned. My agreement to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Patient Information shall survive the termination of my employment with Across America Med Staffing, Inc.

Signature

Date

Employee Printed Name