

management and general Plan administrative activities. For example, we may use your PHI to determine appropriate case management and care or to audit the accuracy of claims processing.

Disclosure to Health Plan Sponsor: We will disclose PHI about you to the Plan Sponsor only upon the receipt of a certification by the Plan Sponsor that the Plan documents have been amended to incorporate provisions relating to the Plan Sponsor's agreement not to use or further disclose your PHI other than as permitted or required by the Plan documents or as required by the applicable HIPAA regulations or other applicable law. Also, a health insurance issuer may disclose PHI about you to the Plan Sponsor. For example, a health insurance issuer may disclose your claims information to the Plan Sponsor for its purposes of auditing claims.

As Required by Law: We may disclose PHI about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law. Use and disclosure of your PHI may be required by the Secretary of HHS to investigate or determine the Plan's compliance with the applicable HIPAA regulations.

Disclosure upon Your Request: Upon your request, we are required to give you access to certain PHI in order for you to inspect and copy it.

To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety: We may disclose PHI about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. Any disclosure, however, would only be to someone able to help prevent the threat.

Public Health Activities: We may disclose PHI about you for public health activities. These activities generally include the following: (a) to prevent or control disease, injury or disability; (b) to report to a public health authority that is authorized by law to collect or receive information for the purpose of reporting births and deaths; (c) to report to a public health authority or other appropriate government authority authorized by law to receive reports of child abuse or neglect (for this purpose, we will not inform the child that such a disclosure has been made or will be made and we may make the disclosure to the child's parents or other representatives); (d) to report to a person subject to the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration reactions to medications or problems with products; (e) to report to you or a public health authority as authorized by law, of the exposure to a disease or risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition; and (f) to notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence (we may only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by law).

Health Oversight Activities: We may disclose PHI about you to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law. These oversight activities include, for example, audits, investigations, inspections, and licensure. These activities are necessary for the government to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.