



RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

The communication of health care information plays an essential role in ensuring that individuals receive prompt and effective health care. Due to the nature of these communications and the various environments in which individuals receive health care, the potential exists for an individual's health information to be disclosed incidentally. The HIPAA Privacy Rule permits certain incidental uses or disclosures of protected health information to occur when the provider has in place reasonable safeguards and minimum necessary policies and procedures to protect an individual's privacy.

Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada understands there may be times when a patient will need to discuss their protected health information over the phone. As a reasonable safeguard you are personally required to select a password for your protected health information. You will be required to provide the password prior to discussing any of your protected health information with our staff over the phone. Should you require a family member or friend to contact our office to discuss any of your protected health information, they will need this password.

It is very important that you maintain the integrity of your password. In the event you become concerned that you may have shared your password inadvertently, please contact our office immediately to begin the process of changing your password.

My personally selected password to discuss any protected health information over the phone is:

(Password must be less than 20 characters)

I understand that I can only change my password in person. I further understand that it is my responsibility to maintain the integrity of my personally selected password. I authorize the disclosure of my protected health information in the above manner.

Patient Name

Patient/Health Care Agent/Guardian/Relative Signature

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Date