

HIPAA PRIVACY ISSUES

HIPAA also requires that health plans protect the confidentiality of your private health information. A complete description of your rights under HIPAA can be found in the Plan's Privacy Notice or, if appropriate, in the privacy notice provided by the insurer. To obtain a copy of the privacy notice, contact the insurer or, if you have questions or complaints about the privacy of your health information, contact the Plan Administrator.

Neither this Plan nor the Employer will use or further disclose information that is protected by HIPAA ("protected health information") except as necessary for treatment, payment, health plan operations and plan administration, or as permitted or required by law. By law, the Plan has required all of its business associates to also observe HIPAA's privacy rules. In particular, the Plan will not, without authorization, use or disclose protected health information for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the Employer. Under HIPAA, you have certain rights with respect to your protected health information, including certain rights to see and copy the information, receive an accounting of certain disclosures of the information and, under certain circumstances, amend the information. You also have the right to file a complaint with the Plan, your insurer, or with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your rights under HIPAA have been violated.