

Mississippi Rheumatology and Osteoporosis Center, PLLC

Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN ACCESS THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

At Mississippi Rheumatology and Osteoporosis Center, PLLC ("MROC"), we understand the importance of protecting your health information. We are committed to maintaining the privacy and security of your medical information and complying with applicable federal and state privacy laws, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

This Notice of Privacy Practices explains how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI), as well as your rights regarding your health information.

How We May Use and Disclose Your Health Information

We may use or disclose your health information for the following purposes:

Treatment

We may use and share your health information with physicians, nurses, staff members, specialists, laboratories, pharmacies, and other healthcare providers involved in your care to provide, coordinate, and manage your treatment.

Payment

We may use and disclose your health information to bill and receive payment from insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, or other payers for services provided to you.

Healthcare Operations

We may use and disclose your health information for practice operations, including quality improvement, staff training, compliance activities, scheduling, and administrative purposes.

Appointment Reminders and Communications

We may contact you by phone, voicemail, text message, patient portal message, or automated messaging system regarding appointments, treatment information, prescription requests, and other healthcare-related communications.

Individuals Involved in Your Care

With your permission, we may share relevant health information with family members, caregivers, or other individuals involved in your healthcare or payment for your care.

Required by Law

We may disclose your health information when required by federal, state, or local law, including certain public health activities, reporting requirements, legal proceedings, or government oversight activities.

Other Uses and Disclosures of Your Information

Certain uses and disclosures of your health information may require your written authorization, including:

- Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes (if applicable)
- Uses and disclosures for marketing purposes
- Disclosures that involve the sale of your health information

You may revoke a written authorization at any time by submitting a written request. Revocation will not affect information that has already been disclosed based on your authorization.

Your Rights Regarding Your Health Information

You have the following rights regarding your protected health information:

Right to Access Your Medical Records

You have the right to request and receive copies of your medical records, subject to applicable laws and fees.

Right to Request Corrections

You may request corrections or amendments to your health information if you believe information is inaccurate or incomplete.

Right to Request Restrictions

You may request limits on how we use or disclose your health information. We are not required to agree to every request.

Right to Request Confidential Communications

You may request that we contact you in a specific way or at a specific location.

Right to Receive an Accounting of Disclosures

You may request a list of certain disclosures of your health information made by us.

Right to Receive a Paper Copy of This Notice

You may request a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time.

Our Responsibilities

Mississippi Rheumatology and Osteoporosis Center, PLLC is required to:

- Maintain the privacy of your health information
- Provide you with this Notice describing our privacy practices
- Follow the terms of the current Notice
- Notify you following a breach of unsecured protected health information when required by law
- Not use or disclose your health information except as described in this Notice or as permitted by law

Changes to This Notice

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and update this Notice at any time. Any revised Notice will apply to all health information we maintain. Updated versions will be available upon request and may be posted in our office or on our website.

Questions or Complaints

If you have questions about this Notice or believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may contact the Practice Privacy Officer at the address or phone number listed below. You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. Filing a complaint will not affect your care or result in retaliation.

Effective Date: July 2026

This Notice of Privacy Practices is provided in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
Mississippi Rheumatology and Osteoporosis Center, PLLC reserves the right to revise this Notice as permitted by law.
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