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At Northwind Health, we understand how important it is to protect your personal information. As part of that commitment, we abide by the rules of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which regulates the use and disclosure of protected health information. This includes your medical records, payment records, and other information related to your health care.

Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Northwind Health may use and disclose your protected health information for treatment, payment, and health care operations. These activities include providing you with care, billing you for services, analyzing the performance of our health care services, and improving the services we provide.

However, we may also use and disclose your protected health information for other purposes if we have obtained your written authorization. This includes any use or disclosure that is not for treatment, payment, or health care operations. Examples of non-health care uses and disclosures include marketing, fundraising, and research activities.

We may also use and disclose your protected health information without your authorization to comply with state or federal laws, such as reporting information to the Department of Health and Human Services or other government agencies, or in response to a court order or subpoena. In addition, we may use and disclose your protected health information for public health activities, to report certain types of illnesses, injuries, and medical conditions, or to report suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

In certain circumstances, we may also disclose your protected health information to friends or family members involved in your care or payment for care. For example, if you are incapacitated, we may discuss your care with a family member to ensure you are getting the best possible care.

It is important to remember that any use or disclosure of your protected health information is subject to the terms of Northwind Standard. Northwind Health will not use or disclose any of your protected health information without your consent, unless it falls into one of the categories described above.

One of the best ways to protect your health information is to be aware of how it is used and disclosed. This includes understanding how Northwind Health may use and disclose your information. We encourage you to read our Notice of Information Use and Disclosure carefully and ask questions if you have any concerns about your privacy.

Notice Of Other Coverage

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLAN

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