

Notice of Alternative Interventions, Inc. Privacy Practices

This notice tells you how we make use of your health information at our Center, how we might disclose your health information to others, and how you can get access to the same information. Please review this notice carefully and feel free to ask for clarification about anything in this material you might not understand. The privacy of your health information is especially important to us and we want to do everything possible to protect that privacy.

We have a **legal responsibility** under the laws of the United States and the state of Missouri to keep your health information private. Part of our responsibility is to give you this notice about our privacy practices. Another part of our responsibility is to follow the practices in this notice. This notice took effect on April 14, 2007 and will be in effect until we replace it. We have the right to change any of these privacy practices if those changes are permitted or required by law.

Any changes in our privacy practices will affect how we protect the privacy of your health information. This includes health information we will receive about you or that we create here at **Alternative Interventions, Inc.** These changes could also affect how we protect the privacy of any of your health information we had before the changes. When we make any of these changes, we will also change this notice and give you a copy of the new notice.

When you are finished reading this notice, you may request a copy at no charge to you. If you request a copy of this notice at any time in the future, we will provide you a copy at no charge to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the material in this document, please ask us for assistance, which we will provide at no charge to you. Here are some examples of how we use and disclose information about your health information. We may use or disclose your health information...

1. To your physician or other healthcare provider who are also treating you.
2. To anyone on our staff involved in your treatment program.
3. To any person required by federal, state, or local laws to have lawful access to your treatment program.
4. To receive payment from a third-party payer for services we provide for you.
5. To our own staff in connection with our Center's operations. Examples of these include, but are not limited to the following: evaluating the effectiveness of our staff, supervising our staff, improving the quality of our services, meeting accreditation standards, and in connection with licensing, credentialing, or certification activities.
6. To anyone you give us written authorization to have your health information, for any reason you want. You may revoke this authorization in writing anytime you want. When you revoke an authorization, it will only impact your health information from that point on.

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7. To a family member, a person responsible for your care, or your personal representative in the event of an emergency. If you are present in such a case, we will give you an opportunity to object. If you object, or are not present, or are incapable of responding, we may use our professional judgment, in light of the nature of the emergency, to go ahead and use or disclose your health information in your best interest at that time. In so doing, we will only use or disclose the aspects your health information that is necessary to respond to the emergency.
8. To the appropriate State agency if, we suspect the neglect or abuse of a minor or adult. If, in our professional judgment, we believe that a client is threatening serious harm to another, we are required to take protective action, which may include notifying the police, or seeking the client's hospitalization. If a client threatens to harm him or herself, we may be required to seek hospitalization.

We will not use your health information in any of our organization's marketing, development, public relations, or related activities without your written authorization. We cannot use or disclose your health information in any ways other than those described in this notice unless you give us written permission.

Client Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date