



DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SPECIALISTS OF CHICAGO, P.C.
Diagnostic ultrasound • Bone Densitometry • Digital Mammography

Patient Privacy Notice

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

Diagnostic Imaging Specialists of Chicago, P.C. is required by federal and state laws to maintain the privacy of your medical information. The Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (1996) requires all medical records and other 'protected healthcare information' used or disclosed by Diagnostic Imaging Specialists of Chicago, P.C., either electronically, by paper or oral communication to be kept confidential.

This Act gives you, the patient, significant new rights to understand and control how your protected healthcare information is used. It also provides enhanced protection for your individually identifiable health information, and ensures that penalties are imposed on any covered entities that misuse protected healthcare information.

The practice provides its Notice of Privacy Practices to every patient with whom it has a direct treatment relationship. The Notice is provided at the time of your first appointment on or after April 13, 2003.

The practice also makes its Notice available to any member of the public to enable prospective patients to evaluate the practice's privacy practices when making his or her decision regarding whether to seek treatment from the practice.

As required by law, the practice has a written Patient Privacy Notice. This notice explains our legal duties and your rights concerning your medical information.

Uses and Disclosures of Medical Information

Diagnostic Imaging Specialists of Chicago, P.C. can use and disclose your information only for the following purposes:

- Treatment – Treatment includes those activities related to providing services to the patient, including releasing information to other health care providers involved in the patient's care
- Payment – Payment relates to all activities associated with getting reimbursed for services provided, including submission of claims to insurance companies and any additional information requested by the insurance company so they can determine if they should pay the claim.
- Healthcare Operations – Healthcare operations include a number of areas, including quality assurance and peer review activities.

We may also contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

Any other uses and disclosures will only be made with your written authorization. You may revoke these authorizations at any time. We will abide by any written requests, except to the extent that action has already been taken based on a prior authorization received.

The practice tracks all disclosures of a patient's protected health information that occur for purposes other than the following:

- Treatment, payment, and healthcare operations
- Those that are not made to the individual or a person involved in the patient's care
- Those that are not made as a result of a patient authorization
- Those that are not made for national security, intelligence purposes or to correctional institutions/law enforcement officials.

An individual can request an accounting of disclosures for a period of up to six years prior to the date of the request. Patients may only request an accounting of disclosures made on or after April 14, 2003.

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