

Notice of Privacy Practices

Palco may receive and create records concerning your medical and individually identifiable information (“PHI”) and is required to maintain the privacy and security of your PHI. Please read this notice carefully. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Palco Privacy Officer at privacy@palcofirst.com. Palco will only use and disclose your information as allowed by law and as described below:

- **Help manage the health care treatment you receive.** We may disclose your information to provide treatment and administer services, including performing assessments, issuing workers’ compensation and administering similar programs, and recommending services in some situations. We may disclose information to others who implement your health services. We may correspond with you and/or your designated representative (e.g., surrogate employer or authorized user). All emailed correspondence from Palco is encrypted and secure. By emailing Palco with your personal email account, you accept the risk that your correspondence may not be encrypted, nor secure.
- **Run our business, including payment for and administration of your health services.** We may use and disclose your information to receive and issue payment on your behalf and bill Medicaid, Medicare, Managed Care Organizations, the Veterans Administration, or other bodies, as required by your program.
- **Comply with federal and state law, including investigations by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (U.S. DHHS) and law enforcement.** Palco is required by law to comply with investigations by regulatory bodies and issues involving national security. Palco may be required to disclose your information to coroners and other officials at your death.
- **Respond to legal actions and health oversight, such as lawsuits or quality assurance reviews.** Palco may be required to respond to requests, including discovery, subpoenas, audits, and other legal or regulatory matters.

You have the right to:

- **Authorize the use and disclosure of your PHI for reasons not authorized by federal or state law.** Palco will seek your approval to disclose PHI for reasons not required at law, and you may reject disclosure.
- **Receive this notice of privacy practices.** You can request a copy of this notice or view the posting at palcofirst.com, in enrollment packets, and in program manuals, as applicable. Palco can change the terms of this notice at any time. Changes will apply to all of your medical records. Direct complaints to the Privacy Officer or the U.S. DHHS.
- **Review and receive copies of your records and a list of disclosures.** Requests must be on a Request for Sensitive Records. We will provide you with a copy or summary within 10 days of receiving your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for collection of the records, including postage and labor. Palco may reject some requests if required by law.
- **Request amendments to your records.** Requests must be on a Request to Amend Sensitive Information. We will provide you with a copy or summary or a rejection within 15 days of receiving your request.
- **Request information in an alternate format or restrict access on your records.** Requests must be in writing on a Request for Additional Privacy. We will provide you with a copy or summary within 15 days of receiving your request. We may reject or terminate the request in certain limited cases and will notify you of rejections and terminations.
- **Be notified in case of a breach of your sensitive information.** You will be notified within 60 days by the Privacy Officer.
- **Choose someone to act on your behalf with regard to your records.** You must complete the appropriate forms and information to designate Authorized Users in order for those individuals to communicate with Palco on your behalf.