

# Fidelis Care

## Notice of Privacy Practices

**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.**

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### **Fidelis Care:**

For help to translate or understand this, please call **1-888-453-2534**. Hearing impaired (TTY: **711**).

Si necesita ayuda para traducir o entender este texto, llame al **1-888-453-2534**. Personas con discapacidad auditiva (TTY: **711**).

### **Managed Long Term Services & Supports (MLTSS):**

For help to translate or understand this, please call **1-855-642-6185**. Hearing impaired (TTY: **711**).

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### **Covered Entity's Duties:**

Fidelis Care is a Covered Entity as defined and regulated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Fidelis Care is required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information (PHI), provide you with this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices related to your PHI, abide by the terms of the Notice that is currently in effect, and notify you in the event of a breach of your unsecured PHI.

This Notice describes how we may use and disclose your PHI. It also describes your rights to access, amend and manage your PHI and how to exercise those rights. All other uses and disclosures of your PHI not described in this Notice will be made only with your written authorization.

Fidelis Care reserves the right to change this Notice. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed Notice effective for your PHI we already have as well as any of your PHI we receive in the future. Fidelis Care will promptly revise and distribute this Notice whenever there is a material change to the following:

- The Uses or Disclosures
- Your rights
- Our legal duties
- Other privacy practices stated in the notice

We will make any revised Notices available on our website or through a separate mailing.

### **Internal Protections of Oral, Written and Electronic PHI:**

Fidelis Care protects your PHI. We are also committed in keeping your race, ethnicity, and language (REL), and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) information confidential. We have privacy and security processes to help.

These are some of the ways we protect your PHI:

- We train our staff to follow our privacy and security processes.
- We require our business associates to follow privacy and security processes.

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- We keep our offices secure.
- We talk about your PHI only for a business reason with people who need to know.
- We keep your PHI secure when we send it or store it electronically.
- We use technology to keep the wrong people from accessing your PHI.

## Permissible Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI:

The following is a list of how we may use or disclose your PHI without your permission or authorization:

- **Treatment** - We may use or disclose your PHI to a physician or other health care provider providing treatment to you, to coordinate your treatment among providers, or to assist us in making prior authorization decisions related to your benefits.
- **Payment** - We may use and disclose your PHI to make benefit payments for the health care services provided to you. We may disclose your PHI to another health plan, to a health care provider, or other entity subject to the federal Privacy Rules for their payment purposes. Payment activities may include processing claims, determining eligibility or coverage for claims, and reviewing services for medical necessity.
- **Health Care Operations** - We may use and disclose your PHI to perform our healthcare operations. These activities may include providing customer service, responding to complaints and appeals, and providing care management and care coordination.

In our healthcare operations, we may disclose PHI to business associates. We will have written agreements to protect the privacy of your PHI with these associates. We may disclose your PHI to another entity that is subject to the federal Privacy Rules. The entity must also have a relationship with you for its healthcare operations. This includes the following:

- Quality assessment and improvement activities
- Reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals
- Care management and care coordination
- Detecting or preventing healthcare fraud and abuse

Your race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, and gender identity are protected by the health plan's systems and laws. This means information you provide is private and secure. We can only share this information with health care providers. It will not be shared with others without your permission or authorization. We use this information to help improve the quality of your care and services.

This information helps us to:

- Better understand your healthcare needs
- Know your language preference when seeing healthcare providers
- Providing healthcare information to meet your care needs
- Offer programs to help you be your healthiest

This information is not used for underwriting purposes or to make decisions about whether you are able to receive coverage or services.

- **Group Health Plan/Plan Sponsor Disclosures** - We may disclose your protected health information to a sponsor of the group health plan, such as an employer or other entity that is providing a health care program to you, if the sponsor has agreed to certain restrictions on how it will use or disclose the protected health information (such as agreeing not to use the protected health information for employment-related actions or decisions).

## Other Permitted or Required Disclosures of Your PHI:

- **Fundraising Activities** – We may use or disclose your PHI for fundraising activities, such as raising money for a charitable foundation or similar entity to help finance their activities. If we do contact you for fundraising activities, we will give you the opportunity to opt-out, or stop, receiving such communications in the future.
- **Underwriting Purposes** – We may use or disclose your PHI for underwriting purposes, such as to make a determination, about a coverage application or request. If we do use or disclose your PHI for underwriting purposes, we are prohibited from using or disclosing your PHI that is genetic information in the underwriting process.
- **Appointment Reminders/Treatment Alternatives** - We may use and disclose your PHI to remind you of an appointment for treatment and medical care with us or to provide you with information regarding treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services, such as information on how to stop smoking or lose weight.
- **As Required by Law** - If federal, state, and/or local law requires a use or disclosure of your PHI, we may use or disclose your PHI information to the extent that the use or disclosure complies with such law and is limited to the requirements of such law. If two or more laws or regulations governing the same use or disclosure conflict, we will comply with the more restrictive laws or regulations.
- **Public Health Activities** - We may disclose your PHI to a public health authority for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability. We may disclose your PHI to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure the quality, safety or effectiveness of products or services under the jurisdiction of the FDA.
- **Victims of Abuse and Neglect** - We may disclose your PHI to a local, state, or federal government authority, including social services or a protective services agency authorized by law to receive such reports if we have a reasonable belief of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.
- **Judicial and Administrative Proceedings** - We may disclose your PHI in response to an administrative or court order. We may also be required to disclose your PHI to respond to a subpoena, discovery request, or other similar requests.
- **Law Enforcement** - We may disclose your relevant PHI to law enforcement when required to do so for the purposes of responding to a crime.
- **Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors** - We may disclose your PHI to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary, for example, to determine a cause of death. We may also disclose your PHI to funeral directors, as necessary, to carry out their duties.
- **Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation** – We may disclose your PHI to organ procurement organizations. We may also disclose your PHI to those who work in procurement, banking, or transplantation of cadaveric organs, eyes, and tissues.
- **Threats to Health and Safety** - We may use or disclose your PHI if we believe, in good faith, that the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public.
- **Specialized Government Functions** - If you are a member of U.S. Armed Forces, we may disclose your PHI as required by military command authorities. We may also disclose your PHI to authorized federal officials for national security concerns, intelligence activities, the Department of State for medical suitability determinations, the protection of the President, and other authorized persons as may be required by law.

- **Workers' Compensation** - We may disclose your PHI to comply with laws relating to workers' compensation or other similar programs, established by law, that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault.
- **Emergency Situations** - We may disclose your PHI in an emergency situation, or if you are incapacitated or not present, to a family member, close personal friend, authorized disaster relief agency, or any other person previously identified by you. We will use professional judgment and experience to determine if the disclosure is in your best interest. If the disclosure is in your best interest, we will only disclose the PHI that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your care.
- **Inmates** - If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release your PHI to the correctional institution or law enforcement official, where such information is necessary for the institution to provide you with health care; to protect your health or safety; or the health or safety of others; or for the safety and security of the correctional institution.
- **Research** - Under certain circumstances, we may disclose your PHI to researchers when their clinical research study has been approved and where certain safeguards are in place to ensure the privacy and protection of your PHI.

## Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI That Require Your Written Authorization:

We are required to obtain your written authorization to use or disclose your PHI, with limited exceptions, for the following reasons:

- **Sale of PHI** - We will request your written authorization before we make any disclosure that is deemed a sale of your PHI, meaning that we are receiving compensation for disclosing the PHI in this manner.
- **Marketing** - We will request your written authorization to use or disclose your PHI for marketing purposes with limited exceptions, such as when we have face-to-face marketing communications with you or when we provide promotional gifts of nominal value.
- **Psychotherapy Notes** - We will request your written authorization to use or disclose any of your psychotherapy notes that we may have on file with limited exception, such as for certain treatment, payment or healthcare operation functions.

You have the right to revoke your authorization, in writing at any time except to the extent that we have already used or disclosed your PHI based on that initial authorization.

## Individuals Rights:

The following are your rights concerning your PHI. If you would like to use any of the following rights, please contact us using the information at the end of this Notice.

- **Right to Request Restrictions** - You have the right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your PHI for treatment, payment, or healthcare operations, as well as disclosures to persons involved in your care or payment of your care, such as family members or close friends. Your request should state the restrictions you are requesting and state to whom the restrictions apply. We are not required to agree to this request. If we agree, we will comply with your restriction request unless the information is needed to provide you with emergency treatment. However, we will restrict the use or disclosure of PHI for payment or health care operations to a health plan when you have paid for the service or item out of pocket in full.
- **Right to Request Confidential Communications** - You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your PHI by alternative means or to alternative locations. This right only applies if the information could endanger you if it is not communicated by the alternative means or to the alternative location you want. You do

not have to explain the reason for your request, but you must state that the information could endanger you if the communication means or location is not changed. We must accommodate your request if it is reasonable and specifies the alternative means or location where your PHI should be delivered.

- **Right to Access and Receive a Copy of your PHI** - You have the right, with limited exceptions, to look at or get copies of your PHI contained in a designated record set. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practicably do so. You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your PHI. If we deny your request, we will provide you a written explanation and will tell you if the reasons for the denial can be reviewed. We will also tell you how to ask for such a review or if the denial cannot be reviewed.
- **Right to Amend your PHI** - You have the right to request that we amend, or change, your PHI if you believe it contains incorrect information. Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny your request for certain reasons, for example if we did not create the information you want amended and the creator of the PHI is able to perform the amendment. If we deny your request, we will provide you a written explanation. You may respond with a statement that you disagree with our decision and we will attach your statement to the PHI you request that we amend. If we accept your request to amend the information, we will make reasonable efforts to inform others, including people you name, of the amendment and to include the changes in any future disclosures of that information.
- **Right to Receive an Accounting of Disclosures** - You have the right to receive a list of instances within the last 6-year period in which we or our business associates disclosed your PHI. This does not apply to disclosure for purposes of treatment, payment, health care operations, or disclosures you authorized and certain other activities. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests. We will provide you with more information on our fees at the time of your request.
- **Right to File a Complaint** - If you feel your privacy rights have been violated or that we have violated our own privacy practices, you can file a complaint with us in writing or by phone using the contact information at the end of this Notice.

You can also file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or calling **1-800-368-1019**, (TTY: **1-800-537-7697**) or visiting **<https://www.hhs.gov/guidance/document/filing-complaint-0>**.

**WE WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST YOU FOR FILING A COMPLAINT.**

- **Right to Receive a Copy of this Notice** - You may request a copy of our Notice at any time by using the contact information listed at the end of the Notice. If you receive this Notice on our website or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are also entitled to request a paper copy of the Notice.

## Contact Information

**Questions about this Notice:** If you have any questions about this notice, our privacy practices related to your PHI or how to exercise your rights, you can contact us in writing or by phone by using the contact information listed below.

### Fidelis Care

Attn: Privacy Official  
550 Broad Street, 12th Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102

**Fidelis Care: 1-888-453-2534** (TTY: **711**)

**Managed Long Term Services & Supports: 1-855-642-6185** (TTY: **711**)

## Discrimination Is Against the Law

Fidelis Care complies with all applicable federal civil rights laws. We do not exclude or treat people in a different way based on race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

We have free aids and services to help people with disabilities communicate with us. That includes help such as sign language interpreters. We can also give you info in other formats. Those formats include large print, audio, accessible electronic formats and Braille.

If English is not your first language, we can translate for you. We can also provide written info in other languages.

If you need these services, call us at **1-888-453-2534**. TTY users can call **711**. We're here for you Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Do you feel that we did not give you these services? Or do you feel we discriminated in some way? If so, you can file a grievance by mail, phone, fax, or email. You can reach us at Fidelis Care Grievance Department, P.O. Box 31384, Tampa, FL 33631-3384. You can reach us by phone at **1-888-453-2534**; TTY **711**. Our fax is **1-866-388-1769**. Our email is **OperationalGrievance@fideliscarenj.com**. If you need help filing a grievance, a Fidelis Care Civil Rights Coordinator can help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint online with the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. Go to the Complaint Portal at <http://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>. File by mail to: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201. You can call them at **1-800-368-1019**, **1-800-537-7697** (TTY).

You can get complaint forms at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

If English is not your first language, we can translate for you. We can also give you info in other formats. That includes Braille, audio and large print. Just give us a call toll-free. You can reach us at **1-888-453-2534**. For TTY, call **711**.

Si el español es su idioma materno, podemos traducir la información para usted. También podemos proporcionarle información en otros formatos, entre ellos, Braille, audio y letra grande. Solo llámenos, sin costo alguno. Puede comunicarse con nosotros llamando al **1-888-453-2534**. Para TTY, llame al **711**.

若您中文是您的第一語言，我們可以為您翻譯。我們也提供其他格式的資訊，包括點字版、音訊和大字印刷。請致電免費專線 **1-888-453-2534**。TTY 請撥打 **711**。

귀하의 모국어가 한국어인 경우 번역해 드릴 수 있습니다. 점자, 오디오, 대형 활자본 등 다른 형식으로도 정보를 제공해 드릴 수 있습니다. 수신자 부담 전화 **1-888-453-2534**(TTY: **711**)번으로 전화하여 당사에 문의해 주십시오.



Se português for a sua língua materna, podemos traduzir por si. Também lhe podemos fornecer informações noutros formatos, tais como braille, áudio e em letras grandes. Para tal, basta contactar-nos através do número **1-888-453-2534**. Para TTY, ligue para o **711**. A chamada não tem quaisquer custos.

જો ગુજરાતી તમારી પ્રથમ ભાષા છે, તો અમે તમારા માટે અનુવાદ કરીને આપી શકીએ છીએ. અમે તમને બીજા ફોર્મેટ્સમાં પણ માહિતી આપી શકીએ છીએ. તેમાં બ્રેઇલ, ઓડિયો અને મોટી પ્રિન્ટનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. અમને ફક્ત એક ટોલ-ફ્રી કોલ કરો. તમે **1-888-453-2534** પર અમારો સંપર્ક કરી શકો છો. TTY માટે, **711** પર કોલ કરો.

Jeśli język polski jest Twoim pierwszym językiem, możesz skorzystać z tłumaczenia. Możesz również otrzymać informacje w innych formatach, takich jak alfabet Braille'a, plik dźwiękowy lub duży druk. Wystarczy wykonać bezpłatne połączenie na numer **1-888-453-2534**, (TTY: **711**).

Se l'italiano è la sua prima lingua, possiamo provvedere alla traduzione per lei. Possiamo anche fornirle informazioni in altri formati, tra cui Braille, audio e stampa grande. È sufficiente chiamarci al numero verde **1-888-453-2534**. Per TTY, chiamare il numero **711**.

إذا كانت العربية لغتك الأولى، فيمكننا توفير خدمة الترجمة لك. يمكننا أيضًا تزويدك بمعلومات بتنسيقات أخرى ويشمل ذلك طريقة برايل والتسجيل الصوتي والطباعة بأحرف كبيرة. ما عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على الرقم المجاني. يمكنك التواصل معنا عبر الرقم **1-888-453-2534**. للهاتف النصي TTY، اتصل على الرقم **711**.

Kung Tagalog ang una ninyong wika, puwede kaming magsalin para sa inyo. Puwede rin kaming magbigay sa inyo ng impormasyon sa iba pang format. Kabilang dito ang Braille, audio, at malaking print. Tawagan lang kami nang libre. Puwede kayong makipag-ugnayan sa amin sa **1-888-453-2534**. Para sa TTY, tumawag sa **711**.

Если вашим родным языком является русский, мы можем предоставить вам услуги перевода. Мы также можем предоставить вам информацию в других форматах. Сюда относятся такие форматы, как шрифт Брайля, аудиоформат и крупный шрифт. Просто позвоните нам по бесплатному номеру телефона. Вы можете связаться с нами по номеру **1-888-453-2534**. TTY: **711**.

Si Kreyòl Ayisyen se pa premye lang ou, nou ka tradwi pou ou. Epitou nou ka ba w enfòmasyon nan lòt fòm. Sa gen ladan Bray, odyo, ak gwo enpresyon. Sèlman ba nou yon koutfil gratis. Ou ka jwenn nou nan **1-888-453-2534**. Pou TTY, rele **711**.

अगर हिंदी आपकी पहली भाषा है, तो हम आपके लिए अनुवाद कर सकते हैं. हम आपको अन्य फॉर्मेट में भी जानकारी दे सकते हैं. इसमें ब्रेल, ऑडियो और बड़े प्रिंट शामिल हैं. बस हमें टोल-फ्री कॉल करें. आप हमसे **1-888-453-2534** पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं. TTY के लिए, **711** पर कॉल करें.

Nếu ngôn ngữ chính của quý vị là tiếng Việt, chúng tôi có thể phiên dịch cho quý vị. Chúng tôi cũng có thể cung cấp cho quý vị thông tin ở các định dạng khác. Bao gồm chữ nổi, âm thanh và bản in chữ lớn. Chỉ cần gọi cho chúng tôi theo số điện thoại miễn phí. Quý vị có thể liên hệ với chúng tôi theo số **1-888-453-2534**. Đối với TTY, gọi số **711**.

Si le français est votre langue maternelle, nous pouvons vous fournir une traduction. Nous pouvons également vous fournir des informations dans d'autres formats, notamment en braille, au format audio ou encore en gros caractères. Il vous suffit de nous appeler gratuitement au **1-888-453-2534**. Pour le mode TTY, composez le **711**.

اگر اردو آپ کی پہلی زبان ہے تو ہم آپ کے لیے ترجمہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ ہم آپ کو دوسری شکلوں میں بھی معلومات دے سکتے ہیں۔ اس میں بریل، آڈیو اور بڑا پرنٹ شامل ہے۔ بس ہمیں ایک ٹال فری نمبر پر کال کریں۔ آپ ہم سے **1-888-453-2534** پر رابطہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ TTY کے لیے، **711** پر کال کریں۔