

# **Treatment and Privacy Policies**

#### **Our Commitment**

At Impireum, we are committed to providing high-quality mental health care while maintaining transparency and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The following policies outline our practices regarding patient treatment, privacy, and administrative procedures.

### HIPAA Privacy and Patient Health Information

#### Use of Health Records

As part of providing healthcare services, Impireum® (the Practice) originates and maintains health records that describe patients' health history, symptoms, examination and test results, diagnosis, treatment, and plans for future care. This information serves the following purposes:

- Care Planning: Forms the basis for planning patient care and treatment
- **Professional Communication**: Facilitates communication among health professionals involved in patient care
- **Billing Documentation**: Provides information for applying diagnosis and treatment to billing procedures
- **Insurance Verification**: Enables third-party payers to verify that billed services were provided
- **Quality Assurance**: Serves as a tool for routine healthcare operations, such as assessing quality and reviewing provider competence

## Protected Health Information (PHI) Disclosure

Patient Protected Health Information (PHI) may be disclosed to other covered entities as part of care and treatment. Patients receive a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices within 48 hours of their first visit, which provides a complete description of information uses and disclosures.

### **Patient Privacy Rights**

Patients have the following rights regarding their health information:

- The right to review our Notice of Information Practices
- The right to receive updates when our privacy notice and practices change
- The right to object to the use of health information for directory purposes
- The right to request restrictions on how PHI is used or disclosed for treatment, payment, or healthcare operations (though we are not legally required to agree to all restrictions)



• The right to revoke consent in writing at any time, except where we have already acted based on prior consent

#### Treatment Policies

#### Medical Treatment Authorization

Impireum Psychiatric Group® provides medical treatment to patients who have authorized such care. Our treatment policies include:

- **Insurance Filing**: We file insurance claims on behalf of patients to cover the care they receive
- Medical Records Sharing: We send medical record information to insurance companies as needed for coverage
- Financial Responsibility: Patients are responsible for:
  - Paying their share of costs as determined by insurance coverage
  - o The full cost of services if insurance does not pay or if they do not have insurance
- **Billing Communication**: We provide e-invoicing through our patient portal as our standard billing method
- Patient Rights: Patients maintain the right to:
  - Refuse any procedure or treatment
  - o Discuss all medical treatments with their provider

## **Communication Policy**

#### Phone and Text Contact

Impireum Psychiatric Group®, its providers, and automated systems may contact patients via phone (including calls or text messages to cellular phones) regarding:

- Services received or planned
- Billing items
- Appointment reminders

### Child Custody and Minor Patient Policy

To ensure proper authorization and compliance with legal requirements:

#### **Divorce Situations**

- We require a copy of the Divorce Decree signed by a judge
- The decree must specify which parent has Managing Conservatory privileges for the minor child

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### **Guardian Requirements**

- Biological parents or legal guardians must accompany minors to the first initial appointment
- Step-parents may bring minor patients to subsequent appointments only after the biological parent/guardian has signed appropriate consent documentation

### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding these policies or if you need further assistance, please contact us:

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