

HIPAA Compliance Statement

Clark County is committed to protecting the privacy of its residents, patients, and clients (herein collectively referred to as “patient”). Clark County intends to comply with the Privacy Rule, promulgated pursuant to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which establishes requirements with respect to patient privacy applicable to certain health care entities, including Clark County.

The Privacy Rule is not the only law governing Clark County with respect to patient privacy. It is also the policy of Clark County to comply with all state laws and other federal laws governing patient privacy, to the extent those laws are not preempted by the Privacy Rule. If you have a question as to whether a state law is preempted by the Privacy Rule, please contact Clark County’s Privacy Officer.

Clark County has adopted this Privacy Rule Compliance Program (the “Program”), consisting of the attached policies and procedures, to assure its compliance with the Privacy Rule and all relevant state laws governing privacy, to the extent such state laws are not preempted by the Privacy Rule. Recognizing that conducting the Program is an evolving process, Clark County will from time to time implement other policies and procedures, and may modify existing policies and procedures, to reflect its commitment to patient privacy and compliance with the Privacy Rule. All such additional Policies and Procedures and amendments will be approved by Clark County and implemented by senior management with your assistance.

The Program is not a statement of ideals. It is a detailed and specific set of policies and procedures with which all personnel that use, disclose, or access Protected Health Information (as defined in the Privacy Rule) must comply. The Program, and other information pertaining to Clark County’s protection of patient privacy, is subject to inspection by the Secretary of HHS for the purpose of monitoring Clark County’s compliance with the Privacy Rule. All such requests for inspection should be directed to the Privacy Officer.

A violation of the Privacy Rule could be detrimental to Clark County, our patients, and our personnel, and would violate our commitment to patient privacy. Failure to follow Clark County’s policies and procedures may lead to civil and criminal liability for you and the Clark County and also may result in the termination of your employment. Therefore, it is imperative that all personnel comply with the Program and related policies and procedures, immediately report any potential violation of the Program to the Privacy Officer, and assist Clark County personnel and authorized outside personnel in investigating any alleged violations.