

EDGEWOOD ACUPUNCTURE, PLLC

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Effective January 1, 2026

Overview

This Notice describes how your medical information may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Edgewood Acupuncture, PLLC is required by federal and Washington State law to maintain the privacy of your Protected Health Information (PHI).

How We May Use and Disclose Your Health Information

We may use and disclose your PHI for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations, including coordination of care, insurance billing, appointment reminders, administrative services, quality improvement, legal compliance, and auditing.

Special Protections Under Federal and Washington Law

We comply with the 2024 HIPAA Privacy Rule updates regarding reproductive health privacy. We also comply with Washington State laws including RCW 70.02 (Uniform Health Care Information Act), the Washington My Health My Data Act, and RCW 19.255.010 regarding breach notification.

Your Rights

You have the right to request restrictions, obtain copies of your health information, request amendments, receive an accounting of disclosures, request confidential communications, revoke authorizations, and receive notification of breaches of unsecured PHI. Requests must be made in writing.

Mandatory Reporting

We may disclose health information without authorization when required by law, including suspected abuse, public health reporting, court orders, certain law enforcement requests, or threats to health or safety.

Our Responsibilities

We are required to maintain the privacy and security of your PHI, provide you with this Notice, abide by its terms, notify you of breaches, and comply with all applicable federal and Washington laws.

Complaints or Questions

If you have questions or believe your privacy rights have been violated, contact:

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You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights at www.hhs.gov/ocr. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

Website

A current version of this Notice is available at www.ewnaturalhealth.com.