

HIPAA / Texas Medical Privacy Act (H.B. 300)

Notice

The Texas Civil Rights Project takes the privacy of your health information seriously. Please do not send us private health information unless we request that information to assist you with your case.

Because we may gather, store, and electronically transmit medical records (Protected Health Information – PHI) in the course of our representation of our clients, we are required to notify clients that their protected health information is subject to electronic disclosure. Texas and Federal law prohibit any electronic disclosure of a client's protected health information to any other person without a separate authorization from the client or the client's legally authorized representative for each disclosure. This authorization for disclosure may be made in **written or electronic form** or oral form if it is documented in writing by our law firm.

The authorization for electronic disclosure of protected health information described above is not required if the disclosure is made: to another covered entity, as that term is defined by **Section 181.001**, or to a covered entity, as that term is defined by **Section 602.001, Insurance Code**, for the purpose of treatment; payment; health care operations; performing an insurance or health maintenance organization function described by **Section 602.053, Insurance Code**; or as otherwise

authorized or required by state or federal law. In other words, no further release is necessary for electronic disclosure to other health care providers, insurance companies, governmental agencies, or defense lawyers representing adverse parties.

You can learn even more about your privacy rights at the [Texas Attorney General's website](#).