



2015 MHI HIPAA Compliance

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) was signed into law on August 21, 1996. As a result, Mile Hi Immunizations and its partners have diligently developed protocol per HIPAA requirements. Mile Hi Immunizations is focused on providing services at client facilities that adhere to the privacy and security rules set forth in the HIPAA guidelines.

The HIPAA Privacy rule establishes standards to protect the confidentiality of individually identifiable health information maintained or transmitted electronically in connection with certain administrative and financial transactions. The rule provides new rights for individuals with respect to protected health information about them and mandates the obligations of health care providers, health plans, and health care clearinghouses. Training requirements for every staff member on the new rights, policies, and procedures as they apply to our healthcare operation have been established.

Mile Hi Immunizations will continue to modify procedures and protocol as requirements for HIPAA compliance evolves. The proposed security rule establishes standards for the security of information that is transmitted or maintained electronically. Documented administrative formal procedures have been established to guard data integrity, confidentiality, and availability as required. Due to the HIPAA guidelines, Mile Hi Immunizations has upgraded and modified technical data systems and the security used to protect, control, and monitor information access.

Patient information will be kept confidential except as is necessary to provide services or to ensure that all administrative matters related to your care are handled appropriately. This specifically includes the sharing of information with other healthcare providers, laboratories, health insurance payers as is necessary and appropriate for your care. Patient files may be stored in open file racks and will not contain any coding which identifies a patient's condition or information which is not already a matter of public record. The normal course of providing care means that such records may be left, at least temporarily, in administrative areas such as the front office, examination room, etc. Those records will not be available to persons other than office staff.

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