

HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED/DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN ACCESS THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Effective Date: April 14, 2003

The counseling practice of Bloom Counseling + Wellness Studio is committed to maintaining client confidentiality. Your therapist will only release healthcare information in accordance with federal and state laws and the ethical standards defined by the counseling profession. This notice describes the policies related to the use and disclosure of your healthcare information.

Providing treatment services, collecting payment, and conducting healthcare operations are necessary activities for ensuring quality care. Federal and state law allows the use and disclosure of healthcare information for such purposes. Please read below for more details.

TREATMENT

Your therapist may need to use or disclose health information to provide, manage, or coordinate care or related services, which could include consultants, psychiatrists, physicians, and potential referral sources.

PAYMENT

Your therapist may need to use or disclose health information in order to verify insurance coverage and/or benefits, and to process claims needed for billing and collection purposes.

HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS

Your therapist may need to disclose health information about you to review treatment procedures and business activities. Your health information may be also shared for certification, compliance, and/or licensing activities.

OTHER USES/DISCLOSURES WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE CONSENT

There are some instances where your therapist may be required to use or disclose information without your consent. These instances include, but are not limited to reports of physical or sexual abuse, threats of harm to self or others, court orders/subpoenas, and other legal issues where a crime has been committed.