

For Treatment: We may use dental information about you to provide you with dental treatment or services. We may disclose dental information about you to doctors, nurses, technicians or other people who are taking care of you. We may also share dental information about you to your other health care providers to assist them in treating you.

For Payment: We may use and disclose your dental information for payment purposes. A bill may be sent to you or a third-party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include your dental information.

For Health Care Operations: We may use and disclose your dental information for our health care operations. This might include measuring and improving quality, evaluating the performance of employees, conducting training programs and getting the accreditation, certificate, licenses and credentials we need to serve you.

Additional Uses and Disclosures: In addition to using and disclosing your dental information for treatment, payment and health care operations, we may use and disclose dental information for the following purposes.

Notification: We may use and disclose dental information to notify or help notify a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care. If you are present, we will get your permission if possible before we share, or give you the opportunity to refuse permission. In case of emergency, and if you are not able to give or refuse permission, we will share only the health information deemed necessary by professional judgment to make decisions in your best interest about allowing someone to pick up medicine, dental supplies, x-ray or other dental information for you.

Funeral Director, Coroner, Medical Examiner: To help them carry out their duties, we may share the dental information of a person who has died with a coroner, medical examiner, funeral director or an organ procurement organization.

Specialized Government Functions: Subject to certain requirements, we may disclose or use dental information for military personnel and veterans, for national security and intelligence activities, for protective services for the President and others, for medical suitability determinations for the Department of State, for correctional institutions and other law enforcement custodial situations; and for government programs providing public benefits.

Court Orders and Judicial and Administrative Proceedings: We may disclose dental information in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process, under certain circumstances. Under limited circumstances, such as a court order, warrant or grand jury subpoena, we may share your dental information with law enforcement officials. We may share limited information with a law enforcement official concerning the dental information of a suspect, fugitive, material witness, crime victim or missing person. We may share the dental information of an inmate or other person in lawful custody with a law enforcement official or correctional institution under certain circumstances.

Public Health Activities: As required by law, we may disclose your dental information to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, including child abuse or neglect. We may also disclose your dental information to persons subject to jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of reporting adverse events associated with product defects or problems, to enable product recalls, repairs or replacements, to track products or to conduct activities required by the Food and Drug Administration. We may also, when we are authorized by law to do so, notify a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or otherwise be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence: We may use and disclose dental information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may share your dental information if it is necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others. We may share dental information when necessary to help law enforcement officials capture a person who has admitted to being part of a crime or has escaped from legal custody.

Workers Compensation: We may disclose dental information when authorized or necessary to comply with laws relating to workers compensation or other similar programs.

Health Oversight Activities: We may disclose dental information to an agency providing health oversight for oversight activities authorized by law, including audits, civil, administrative or criminal investigations or proceedings, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions or other authorized activities.