



## Health Care Information Privacy Policy

Contact ElmTree Wellness Center at (570) 390-7901 with any questions

The U.S. Federal Government has established rules that healthcare providers, and specific others, must follow. ElmTree Wellness & Physical Therapy is a health care provider, and follows these rules to ensure the confidentiality of your health care information. Source: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/>

These rules, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), protect personally identifiable health-related information by restricting what can be done with it. Its restrictions apply to those who collect, retain or store your confidential health care information.

The Privacy rules provide federal protections for personal health information and give you, as a patient, protective rights over your information. The rules do allow, with your authorization, the disclosure of personal health information which is needed for your care, for reimbursement for your care and some other important, but specific, purposes.

With your authorization, health care providers can freely share information for treatment purposes.

A healthcare provider must obtain your written authorization for any specific use or disclosure of your personal health information that is not for treatment, payment or health care operations or as otherwise noted above.

A healthcare provider may always use or disclose for research purposes health information which has been de-identified.

I have read and understand the above information and have been given a copy of this signed document. The original will be kept with my health care information.

Patient's Name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Patient/Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_