



THE THERAPY CENTER FOR  
**Pregnancy Loss**  
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## HIPAA Email Consent

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### **VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!**

- HIPAA stands for the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*
- HIPAA was passed by the U.S. government in 1996 in order to establish privacy and security protections for health information
- Information stored on our computers is encrypted
- Most popular email services (ex. Hotmail®, Gmail®, Yahoo®) do not utilize encrypted email
- **When we send you an email, or you send us an email, the information that is sent is not encrypted. This means a third party may be able to access the information and read it since it is transmitted over the Internet.**

**In addition, once the email is received by you, someone may be able to access your email account and read it.**

- Email is a very popular and convenient way to communicate for a lot of people, so in their latest modification to the HIPAA act, the federal government provided guidance on email and HIPAA
- The information is available in a pdf (page 5634) on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-25/pdf/2013-01073.pdf>
- The guidelines state that if a patient has been made aware of the risks of unencrypted email, and that same patient provides consent to receive health information via email, then a health entity may send that patient personal medical information via unencrypted email

#### **OPTION 1 – ALLOW UNENCRYPTED EMAIL**

I understand the risks of unencrypted email and do hereby give permission to Attune Philadelphia Therapy Group to send me personal health information via unencrypted email

**Signature**

**Date**

**Printed name (parent or guardian if patient is a minor)**

OPTION 2 – **DO NOT ALLOW** UNENCRYPTED EMAIL

I do not wish to receive personal health information via email

**Signature**

**Date**

**Printed name (parent or guardian if patient is a minor)**