

HIPAA EMAIL CONSENT FORM

- HIPAA stand for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act enacted in 1996 to establish privacy and security of health information.
- Most popular email services (Hotmail, Gmail, Yahoo, etc) do not utilize encrypted email.
- When I send you an email or you send me 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. It is also possible that 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 modifications to the HIPAA act, the federal government provided guidance on email and HIPAA.
- The information is available in a pdf (page 5634) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-25/pdf2013-01073.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 Frank Robinson, LMHC to send me personal health information via **unencrypted** email.

Signature Date Printed Name Please print email address
(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 Please ring email address
(Parent of guardian if patient is a minor)