We can share health information about you with organ donors to identify a deceased person, determine a cause of death, and to determine if you are an organ donor. We may disclose health information to a coroner or medical examiner for the purpose of identifying the deceased person, determining a cause of death, or for purposes related to the location of a crime or crime victims or persons involved in a crime that occurred on this facility's premises.

We may disclose your health information to law enforcement officials for purposes related to: (i) a legal process (such as a search warrant or subpoena), (ii) in the course of a Judicial or administrative proceeding, (iii) in response to an administrative request, (iv) to a law enforcement official for purposes of national security, or (v) to protect the safety of you or another person.

We may disclose your health information to federal or state officials in order to conduct audits or inspections of the operations of this facility. These audits or inspections involve the examination and review of your health information for the purpose of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death, preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, and to determine if you are an organ donor. We may also use or disclose your information for the purpose of research, if the information is deidentified and the Institutional Review Board has approved the research. We may disclose your information to your health care proxy or to an individual you name who is involved in your medical care or who helps pay for your care, as it is relevant to that person's involvement in your care or payment of your health care expenses. We may also use or disclose your information for the purpose of research, if the information is used solely for research purposes and the researcher has signed an investigator agreement and the Institutional Review Board has approved the research.

We may disclose your health information to: (i) lawsuits and legal proceedings, (ii) to enforce payment or health care operations, and (iii) to certain other disclosures that may not be subject to other rights you may have under HIPAA.

We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information. Your personal doctor may have different policies or notices regarding the access and use of your health information. If you have given someone health care power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian under Louisiana law pursuant to Louisiana’s Patient Advocate Act, you may have different rights under this notice or any changes made about your health information. However, we may choose not to make this notice to you under either of these circumstances. Another licensed health care professional chosen by the patient or by the guardian is entitled to receive the notice described in this notice. Any disclosure, however, would only be to the person described in this notice.

We may disclose information about you as authorized by, and to comply with, federal, state, or local law. This includes the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other public health authorities to identify, prevent or control disease or injury and disability. You have certain rights about your personal health information. Although your records are generally available for review, you have certain rights in connection with your records provided by this facility.

You can ask for a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have signed an authorization to use or disclose your health information, you can still exercise your rights to request a copy of this notice. If you notify us of your desire to request a copy of this notice, we will give you a copy of this notice. If you have not signed or designated a person to receive a copy of the notice, this notice will be given to you promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.