

PATIENT RIGHTS STANDARDS

Notice of Privacy Practices (NPP) Standard – The purpose of this Standard is to ensure the patient’s right to receive adequate notice of the uses and disclosures of their protected health information (PHI), of the patient’s privacy rights and Tenet’s legal duties with respect to their PHI. Tenet provides each patient with a NPP that is written in plain language and that contains the elements required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Regulations.

Patient Right to Access PHI Standard – The purpose of this Standard is to identify and define the requirements to be followed to address a patient’s right to access his or her PHI stored in a Designated Record Set. This right is described in some detail in the Tenet Facility’s NPP.

Patient Right to Amend PHI Standard – The purpose of this Standard is to identify and define the requirements to be followed by Tenet to address patients’ right to amend their PHI stored in a Designated Record Set. This right is described in some detail in the Tenet Facility’s NPP.

Patient Right to Restrict PHI and Request Confidential Communications Standard – The purpose of this Standard is to identify and define the requirements to be followed to address patients’ right to restrict PHI that are associated with their Designated Record Set and/or requests to receive confidential communications of their PHI by alternative means or at alternative locations. Patients’ rights to restrict their PHI and receive confidential communications are described in some detail in the Tenet Facility’s NPP including a description of any limitations to these rights.

Personal Representatives and Minors Standard – The purpose of this Standard is to ensure Tenet treats an individual’s personal representative as the individual with respect to uses and disclosures of the individual’s protected health information, as well as the individual’s rights under the Privacy Rule.

Accounting of Disclosures Standard – The purpose of this Standard is to ensure the patient or his or her Personal Representative right to request an accounting of all Accountable Disclosures of the patient’s PHI; a listing of all disclosures of an individual’s PHI made by the covered entity or its business associates for up to six years preceding the request.