

**Paradigm Psychological Center  
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HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices**

I. THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

II. IT IS THE LEGAL DUTY OF DR. ESTHER MARRON, PARADIGM PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, TO SAFEGUARD YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (“PHI”).

By law, Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, is required to assure that your Protected Health Information (PHI) is kept private. PHI constitutes information created by Dr. Esther Marron that can be used to identify you. It contains data about your past, present, or future health or condition, the provision of health care services to you, or the payment for such health care. Dr. Esther Marron is required to provide you with this Notice about her privacy procedures and practices. This Notice must explain when, why, and she will use and/or disclose your PHI. Use of PHI means when she shares, applies, utilizes, examines, or analyzes information within her practice; PHI is disclosed when she releases, transfers, gives, or otherwise reveals it to a third party outside Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, With some exceptions, she may not use or disclose more of your PHI than is necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the use or disclosure is made; however, Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, is always legally required to follow the privacy practices described in this Notice.

Please note that Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, reserves the right to change the terms of this Notice and her privacy policies at any time as permitted by law. Any changes will apply to PHI already on file with the Clinic. Before important changes are made to the policies, she will immediately change this Notice and post a new copy of it in her office and/or on Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, website). You may also request a copy of this Notice.

III. HOW DR. ESTHER MARRON, PARADIGM PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, WILL USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR PHI.

Dr. Esther Marron will use and disclose your PHI for many different reasons. Some of the uses or disclosures will require your prior written authorization; others, however, will not. Below you will find the different categories of the Clinic’s uses and disclosures, with some examples.

**A. Uses and Disclosures Related to Treatment, Payment, or Health Care Operations Do Not Require Your Prior Written Consent.** Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, may use and disclose your PHI without your consent for the following reasons:

I. For treatment. Dr. Esther Marron can use your PHI within her practice to provide you with mental health treatment, including discussing or sharing your PHI with future trainees and interns in the center. Dr. Esther Marron may disclose your PHI to physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and other licensed health care providers who provide you with health care services or are otherwise involved in your care. Example: If a

psychiatrist is treating you, Dr. Esther Marron may disclose your PHI to her/him in order to coordinate your care.

2. For health care operations. Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, may disclose your PHI to facilitate the efficient and correct operation of her practice. Dr. Esther Marron may also provide your PHI to our attorneys, accountants, consultants, and others to make sure that we are in compliance with applicable laws.

3. To obtain payment for treatment. Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, may use and disclose your PHI to bill, and collect payment for, the treatment and services that she provided you. Example: Dr. Esther Marron might send your PHI to your insurance company or health plan in order to get payment for the health care services that she provided to you. Dr. Esther Marron could also provide your PHI to business associates, such as billing companies, claims processing companies, and others that process health care claims for Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation's office.

4. Other disclosures. Examples: Your consent is not required if you need emergency treatment provided that Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, attempts to get your consent after treatment is rendered. In the event that the Dr. Esther Marron tries to get your consent but you are unable to communicate (for example, if you are unconscious or in severe pain), and she believes that you would consent to such treatment if you could, she may disclose your PHI.

**B. Certain Other Uses and Disclosures Do Not Require Your Consent.** DR. ESTHER MARRON, PARADIGM PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, may use and/or disclose your PHI without your consent or authorization for any of the following reasons:

1. When disclosure is required by federal, state, or local law; judicial, board, or administrative proceedings; or, law enforcement. Example: We may make a disclosure to the appropriate officials when a law requires Dr. Esther Marron to report information to government agencies, law enforcement personnel, and/or in an administrative proceeding.

2. If disclosure is compelled by a party to a proceeding before a court of an administrative agency pursuant to its lawful authority.

3. If disclosure is required by a search warrant lawfully issued to a governmental law enforcement agency.

4. If disclosure is compelled by the patient or the patient's representative pursuant to California Health and Safety Codes or to corresponding federal statutes of regulations, such as the Privacy Rule that requires this Notice.

5. To avoid harm. We may provide PHI to law enforcement personnel or persons able to prevent or mitigate a serious threat to the health or safety of a person or the public (e.g., an adverse reaction to medications).

6. If disclosure is compelled or permitted by the fact that you are in such a mental or emotional condition as to be dangerous to yourself, or another person, or property of others, and if the Dr. Esther Marron can determine that disclosure is necessary to prevent the threatened danger.

7. If disclosure is mandated by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting law. For example, if the Clinic has a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

8. If disclosure is mandated by the California Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting law. For example, if the Clinic has a reasonable suspicion of elder abuse or dependent adult abuse.

9. If disclosure is compelled or permitted by the fact that you make a serious/imminent threat of physical violence by you against a reasonably identifiable victim or victims.

10. For public health activities. Example: In the event of your death, if a disclosure is permitted or compelled, Dr. Esther Marron may need to give the county coroner information about you.

11. For health oversight activities. Example: Dr. Esther Marron may be required to provide information to assist the government in the course of an investigation or inspection of a health care organization or provider.

12. For specific government functions. Examples: Dr. Esther Marron may disclose PHI of military personnel and veterans under certain circumstances. Also, Dr. Esther Marron may disclose PHI in the interests of national security, such as protecting the President of the United States or assisting with intelligence operations.

13. For research purposes. In certain circumstances, Dr. Esther Marron may provide PHI in order to conduct medical research.
14. For Workers' Compensation purposes. Dr. Esther Marron may provide PHI in order to comply with Workers' Compensation laws.
15. Appointment reminders and health related benefits or services. Examples: Dr. Esther Marron may use PHI to provide appointment reminders. Dr. Esther Marron may use PHI to give you information about alternative treatment options, or other health care services or benefits that Dr. Esther Marron offers.
16. If an arbitrator or arbitration panel compels disclosure. When arbitration is lawfully requested by either party, Revision Date: 7-03-2005 3, pursuant to subpoena *duces tecum* (e.g., a subpoena for mental health records) or any other provision authorizing disclosure in a proceeding before an arbitrator or arbitration panel.
17. If disclosure is required or permitted to a health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law. Example: When compelled by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to investigate or assess Dr. Esther Marron, Paradigm Psychological Center, A Professional Corporation, compliance with HIPAA regulations.
18. If disclosure is otherwise specifically required by law.

**C. Certain Uses and Disclosures Require That You to Have the Opportunity to Object.**

I. Disclosures to family, friends, or others. Dr. Esther Marron may provide your PHI to a family member, or other individual who you indicate is involved in your care, or responsible for, the care .

