



E-mail/ Text Consent Form

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Patient Name:
Date of Birth:
Preferred Name:
Gender:
Address:

Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:

1. RISKS OF USING E-MAIL AND TEXT MESSAGING

Allied Hearing offers patients, parents or guardians the opportunity to communicate by e-mail or text messaging. Using e-mail to discuss patient information, however, is different than phone messaging. Text messaging is not to be used to convey medical information or to discuss medical conditions. E-mail and/or text message communication has a number of possible risks that patients, parents or guardians should consider before using e-mail or text messaging. If the patient, parent or guardian is worried about any information being seen by other people, or if the question or problem is urgent, other form(s) of communication such as telephone communication should be used. Some of the possible risks of using email or text messaging include, but are not limited to, the following:
a. E-mail information or text messages can be sent on to other people, stored on a computer, or printed out on paper for storage.
b. E-mail or text messages can be sent out and received by many recipients, some or all of whom may be sent the e-mail accidentally.
c. E-mail or text message senders can easily misaddress their message.
d. E-mail or text message information is easier to change than handwritten or signed documents.
e. E-mail or text message information may be kept on computers/electronic devices even after the sender or the recipient believes they deleted his or her copy.
f. Employers and on-line services have a right to archive (store) and look at e-mails/text messages transmitted through their systems. Some, but not all, employers store e-mail/text messages indefinitely.
g. E-mail/text messages can occasionally be intercepted, changed, forwarded, or used without authorization or detection.
h. E-mail or text messages can be used to introduce viruses into computer systems.
i. E-mail or text messages can be used as evidence in court.

2. CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF E-MAIL AND TEXT MESSAGING

Allied Hearing will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of e-mail/text message information sent and received. However, because of the risks outlined above, the health care providers cannot guarantee the security and confidentiality (privacy) of e-mail/text messaging communication, and will not be liable for improper use and/or disclosure of confidential information (including Protected Health Information that is the subject of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996). Thus, the patient, parent or guardian must consent to the use of e-mail for patient information. By electronically signing his form you agree and consent to the use of e-mail and text messaging to the listed address and phone number. I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time and that I have the right to inspect or copy the protected health information to be disclosed. I understand that information disclosed to any above recipients is no longer protected by federal or state law and may be subject to re-disclosure by the above recipient. You have the right to revoke this consent in writing. If you wish to decline this consent please write "none" in the boxes below before signing.

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone for texting: _____

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____