Fundraising

HIPAA Privacy Policy A05-18 Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information for Fundraising and The University of Chicago Medicine Notice of Privacy Practices both address how patient information may be used for fundraising purposes. In general, we must always obtain a patient’s written authorization prior to using or disclosing patient protected health information for fundraising, unless there is a permitted exception.

The University of Chicago Medicine may use or may disclose the following patient information to the Development Office serving the UChicago Medicine or a Business Associate to raise funds for our own benefit without first obtaining a patient’s authorization:

- Demographic information relating to the patient; including name, address, other contact information, age, gender, and date of birth (Demographic information does not include information about the patient’s illness.);
- Dates of health care services provided to the patient;
- Department of service information (i.e., cardiology, oncology, or pediatrics);
- Treating physician information;
- Outcomes information (Outcomes information includes information regarding the death of the patient or any sub-optimal result of treatment or services); and
- Health insurance status

Highly confidential information, protected under Illinois state law, is never used or disclosed without written authorization. Psychotherapy notes may never be used for fundraising purposes. The University of Chicago Medicine will never condition a patient’s treatment or payment on receipt of fundraising communications.

Patients are allowed to opt-out of receiving written and verbal fundraising communications.

Any questions/comments/concerns please feel free to reach out to the Privacy Program at:

773-834-9716 or hpo@bsd.uchicago.edu