

BEHAVIORAL & DEVELOPMENTAL OPTOMETRIST

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Individually Identifiable Health Information Portability Policy

*Specialist in Binocular,
Neuro-developmental,
Neuro-rehabilitative
Vision for all ages*

Learning Differences

Reading Issues
Visual perceptual issues
Spelling Problems
Letter/Number Reversals
Dyscalculia
Dysgraphia

Binocular Anomalies

Strabismus - Eye turns
Amblyopia – Lazy Eye
Vergence Dysfunction

Specialty Populations

Autism Spectrum
Down Syndrome
Cerebral Palsy
Ocular Torticollis
Prader Willi

Post Traumatic Visual Disorders

Concussion
Post Stroke
Hemianopsia
Double Vision
Dizziness
Headaches
Carsickness

Elderly Visual Issues

Memory
Balance and Gait
Driving

Performance Enhancement

Reading
Sports
Occupational

Dr Buck's office has applied reasonable safeguards and implemented standards with respect to the primary use or disclosure of individually identifiable health information. We have in place appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards that protect against uses and disclosures of information not permitted by the privacy rule, as well as limiting incidental uses or disclosures.

For example, we have counseled our staff in such measures as:

- to speak quietly when discussing a patient's condition with family members in a waiting room or other public area;
 - to avoid using patients' names in public hallways and elevators
- to protect patient confidentiality.
- to provide security, such as passwords, to protect computerized patient files.
 - to provide additional security, such as passwords, on computers maintaining personal information.

We also limit who has access to protected health information, and under what conditions, based on job responsibilities and the nature of the business.

Additionally, Dr Buck's office obtains satisfactory assurances from its business associates that the business associates will appropriately safeguard the protected health information it receives or creates on behalf of the covered entity.

Dr Buck may share information with other covered entities for the purposes of providing treatment. Treatment generally means the provision, coordination, or management of health care and related services among health care providers or by a health care provider with a third party, consultation between health care providers regarding a patient, or the referral of a patient from one health care provider to another. The Privacy Rule permits covered entities to disclose protected health information, without authorization, to public health authorities who are legally authorized to receive such reports for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.

Dr Buck may occasionally send information discussing new treatment options or products. We will not disclose individual health information in any of these marketing communications. Dr Buck has a policy of providing patients with a courtesy reminder of appointment times and/or order status either via telephone, text, or electronic communication. We will not release any products or information regarding a patient to another individual without verbal or written consent from said patient.

- o I agree to be contacted via email or text and understand that these means of communication are not guaranteed secure by Dr. Buck.
- o I do not agree to electronic or text communications if they are not secure.

Acknowledgment

I have been notified of, and agree to, Dr Pauline Buck's conformance to the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information.

Print name

Signature

Date

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