



HIPAA Email Consent

VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

- HIPAA stands for the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*.
- HIPAA was passed by the U.S. government in 1996 in order to establish privacy and security protections for health information.
- Information stored on our computers is encrypted.
- Most popular email services (ex. Hotmail®, Gmail®, Yahoo®) do not utilize encrypted email.
- **When we send you an email, or you send us an email, the information that is sent is not encrypted. This means a third party may be able to access the information and read it since it is transmitted over the Internet. In addition, once the email is received by you, someone may be able to access your email account and read it.**
- Email is a very popular and convenient way to communicate for a lot of people, so in their latest modification to the HIPAA act, the federal government provided guidance on email and HIPAA.
- The information is available in a pdf (page 5634) on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-25/pdf/2013-01073.pdf>
- The guidelines state that if a patient has been made aware of the risks of unencrypted email, and that same patient provides consent to receive health information via email, then a health entity may send that patient personal medical information via unencrypted email.

OPTION 1 – ALLOW UNENCRYPTED EMAIL AND ZOOM

I understand the risks of unencrypted email and zoom sessions and do hereby give permission to SimplyWholebyDevi LLC to send me personal health information via unencrypted email from devi@simplywholebydevi.com as well as have our zoom sessions on a non HIPAA compliant Zoom Account.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Email address (please print)

(parent or guardian if patient is a minor)

OPTION 2 – DO NOT ALLOW UNENCRYPTED EMAIL OR ZOOM

I do not wish to received personal health information via email or use a non-HIPPA compliant Zoom.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

(parent or guardian if patient is a minor)

Please bring this completed form to your visit.