

South Texas Neurosurgical Associates HIPAA

HIPAA is an acronym for the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (a federal law). Of significant concern to healthcare organizations is the Administrative Simplification section of the Act, which requires healthcare organizations to comply with specific rules regarding:

- Unique Identifiers for health plans, providers, individuals, employers
- Healthcare Transaction & Code Sets for transmitting data electronically
- Privacy Regulations over disclosure and use of health information
- Security Regulations over protections of electronic health information

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Cell Phone and/or voice mail yes no N/A
Work Phone/Answering Machine yes no N/A

Fax medical records for referrals to another entity yes no

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Patient/Guardian Signature Date

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