



Notice of Privacy Practices for Marathon Oil Corporation and its Subsidiaries Benefit Plans Affected by the Privacy and Confidentiality Requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

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The Marathon Oil Company (MOC) Health Plans, Dental Plans, Vision Plan, MOC Health Reimbursement Account, Wellness Plans, Employee Assistance Programs, Health Care Spending Accounts and the Medicare Supplement Plan and plans sponsored by the subsidiaries of Marathon Oil Corporation are required by law to take reasonable steps to ensure the privacy of your personally identifiable health information and to inform you about:

The Plan's Uses and Disclosures

The Plan may use and share your Protected Health Information in connection with:

- Managing the health care treatment that you receive (see "Uses and disclosures to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations" below for more detail);
- Paying for your health services (see "Uses and disclosures to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations" below for more detail);
- Operations of and administering your health plan (see "Uses and disclosures to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations" below for more detail);
- Doing research (see "Uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required" below for more detail);
- Complying with the law (see "Uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required" below for more detail);
- Responding to organ and tissue donation requests and working with a medical examiner or funeral director (see "Uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required" below for more detail);
- Addressing workers' compensation, law enforcement and other government requests (see "Uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required" below for more detail); and
- Responding to lawsuits and legal actions (see "Uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required" below for more detail)

Your Choices and Rights

You also have some choices in the way that the Plan uses and shares your PHI, such as:

- As the Plan answers coverage questions from your family and friends;
- In connection with disaster relief; and
- For marketing purposes and with respect to selling your information

See "Uses and disclosures that require your written authorization" and "Uses and disclosures that require that you be given an opportunity to agree or disagree prior to the use or release" below for more detail.

Further, you have the right to:

- Get a copy of your health and claims records (see "Right to Inspect and Copy PHI" below for more detail);
- Correct your health and claims records (see "Right to Amend PHI" below for more detail);
- Ask the Plan to limit the PHI that is shared (see "Right to Request Confidential Communications and Restrictions on PHI Uses and Disclosures" and "Right to Restrict Disclosures of PHI Pertaining to Out of Pocket Expenses" below for more detail);
- Get a copy of this privacy notice (see "The Right to Receive a Paper Copy of this Notice Upon Request" below for more detail);
- Choose someone to act for you (see "A Note About Personal Representatives" below for more detail); and
- File a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated (see "Your Right to File a Complaint with the Plan or the HHS Secretary" below for more detail)

The term "*Protected Health Information*" (PHI) includes all individually identifiable health information transmitted or maintained by the Plan, regardless of form (oral, written, electronic).



Section 1. Notice of PHI Uses and Disclosures and Your Choices

Required PHI Uses and Disclosures

Uses and disclosures to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations

The Plan and its business associates will use PHI without your consent, authorization, or opportunity to agree or object to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations. The Plan also will disclose PHI to the Plan Sponsor, Marathon Oil Corporation and its subsidiaries for purposes related to treatment, payment and health care operations. The Plan Sponsor has amended its plan documents to protect your PHI as required by federal law.

Treatment is the provision, coordination or management of health care and related services. It also includes but is not limited to consultations and referrals between one or more of your providers. For example, the Plan may disclose to a treating orthodontist the name of your treating dentist so that the orthodontist may ask for your dental X-rays from the treating dentist.

Payment includes but is not limited to actions to make coverage determinations and payment (including billing, claims management, subrogation, plan reimbursement, reviews for medical necessity and appropriateness of care and utilization review and preauthorizations). For example, the Plan may tell a doctor whether you are eligible for coverage or what percentage of the bill will be paid by the Plan.

Health care operations include but are not limited to quality assessment and improvement, reviewing competence or qualifications of health care professionals, underwriting, premium rating and other insurance activities relating to creating or renewing insurance contracts. It also includes disease management, case management, conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services and auditing functions including fraud and abuse compliance programs, business planning and development, business management and general administrative activities. For example, the Plan may use information about your claims to refer you to a disease management program, project future benefit costs or audit the accuracy of its claims processing functions.

Uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required

The Plan is also allowed or may be required to share your PHI in other ways – usually that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. Conditions in the law often apply before your information can be shared for such purposes. Use and disclosure of your PHI may be required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine the Plan's compliance with the privacy regulations. For more information regarding uses and disclosures for which consent, authorization or opportunity to object is not required, see the below. See also: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

- (1) When required by law.
- (2) When permitted for purposes of public health activities, including when necessary to report product defects, to permit product recalls and to conduct post-marketing surveillance. PHI may also be used or disclosed if you have been exposed to a communicable disease or are at risk of spreading a disease or condition, if authorized by law.
- (3) When authorized by law to report information about abuse, neglect or domestic violence to public authorities if there exists a reasonable belief that you may be a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. In such case, the Plan will promptly inform you that such a disclosure has been or will be made unless that notice would cause a risk of serious harm. For the purpose of reporting child abuse or neglect, it is not necessary to inform the minor that such a disclosure has been or will be made. Disclosure may generally be made to the minor's parents or other representatives although there may be circumstances under federal or state law when the parents or other representatives may not be given access to the minor's PHI.
- (4) The Plan may disclose your PHI to a public health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law. This includes uses or disclosures in civil, administrative or criminal investigations; inspections; licensure or disciplinary actions (for example, to investigate complaints against providers); and other activities necessary for appropriate oversight of government benefit programs (for example, to investigate Medicare or Medicaid fraud).
- (5) The Plan may disclose your PHI when required for judicial or administrative proceedings. For example, your PHI may be disclosed in

response to a subpoena or discovery request provided certain conditions are met. One of those conditions is that satisfactory assurances must be given to the Plan that the requesting party has made a good faith attempt to provide written notice to you, and the notice provided sufficient information about the proceeding to permit you to raise an objection and no objections were raised or were resolved in favor of disclosure by the court or tribunal.

- (6) When required for law enforcement purposes (for example, to report certain types of wounds).
- (7) For law enforcement purposes, including for the purpose of identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person. Also, when disclosing information about an individual who is or is suspected to be a victim of a crime, but only if the individual agrees to the disclosure, or the covered entity is unable to obtain the individual's agreement because of emergency circumstances. Furthermore, the law enforcement official must represent that the information is not intended to be used against the individual, the immediate law enforcement activity would be materially and adversely affected by waiting to obtain the individual's agreement and disclosure is in the best interest of the individual as determined by the exercise of the Plan's best judgment.
- (8) When required to be given to a coroner or medical examiner for the purpose of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death or other duties as authorized by law. Also, disclosure is permitted to funeral directors, consistent with applicable law, as necessary to carry out their duties with respect to the decedent.
- (9) The Plan may use or disclose PHI for research, subject to conditions.
- (10) When consistent with applicable law and standards of ethical conduct if the Plan, in good faith, believes the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public and the disclosure is to a person reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat, including the target of the threat.
- (11) When authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with workers' compensation or other similar programs established by law. Except as otherwise indicated in this notice, uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization subject to your right to revoke such authorization.

Your Choices

Uses and disclosures that require your written authorization

Your written authorization generally will be obtained before the Plan will use or disclose:

- (1) Psychotherapy notes about you from your psychotherapist. Psychotherapy notes are separately filed notes about your conversations with your mental health professional during a counseling session. They do not include summary information about your mental health treatment. The Plan may use and disclose such notes when needed by the Plan to defend against litigation filed by you.
- (2) PHI about you for sale or marketing purposes.
- (3) PHI for purposes not specifically described below and above in this Section.

If you provide permission to use or disclose PHI about you, you may revoke that permission in writing at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose medical information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that was provided to you.

Uses and disclosures that require that you be given an opportunity to agree or disagree prior to the use or release

Disclosure of your PHI to family members, other relatives and your close personal friends is allowed if:

- The information is directly relevant to the family or friend's involvement with your care or payment for that care; and
- You have either agreed to the disclosure or have been given an opportunity to object and have not objected.

In addition, your PHI may be disclosed for notification purposes to public or private entities authorized by law to assist in disaster relief efforts if you have either agreed to the disclosure or have been given an opportunity to object and have not objected.

If you are incapacitated, in an emergency situation, or not available, the Plan generally may make the uses and disclosures described above, if in the exercise of professional judgment, the use or disclosure is determined to be in your best interest.



Section 2. Your Rights

Right to Inspect and Copy PHI

You have a right to inspect and obtain a copy of your PHI contained in a “designated record set”, for as long as the Plan maintains the PHI.

“*Protected Health Information*” (PHI) includes all individually identifiable health information transmitted or maintained by the Plan, regardless of form.

“*Designated Record Set*” includes the medical records and billing records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider; enrollment, payment, billing, claims adjudication and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or other information used in whole or in part by or for the covered entity to make decisions about individuals. Information used for quality control or peer review analyses and not used to make decisions about individuals is not in the designated record set.

You have the right to receive this information in electronic format upon request if it is maintained in designated record sets electronically.

The requested information will be provided within 30 days if the information is maintained on-site or within 60 days if the information is maintained offsite. A single 30-day extension is allowed if the Plan is unable to comply with the deadline. You may be charged a reasonable cost-based fee.

You or your personal representative will be required to complete a form to request access to the PHI in your designated record set. Request for access to PHI should be made to the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

If access is denied, you or your personal representative will be provided with a written denial setting forth the basis for the denial, a description of how you may exercise those review rights and a description of how you may complain to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Right to Amend PHI

You have the right to request the Plan to amend your PHI or a record about you in a designated record set for as long as the PHI is maintained in the designated record set. The Plan has 60 days after the request is made to act on the request. A single 30-day extension is allowed if the Plan is unable to comply with the deadline. If the request is denied in whole or in part, the Plan must provide you with a written denial that explains the basis for the denial. You or your personal representative may then submit a written statement disagreeing with the denial and have that statement included with any future disclosures of your PHI. Requests for amendment of PHI in a designated record set should be made to the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

You or your personal representative will be required to complete a form to request amendment of the PHI in your designated record set.

Right to Request Confidential Communications and Restrictions on PHI Uses and Disclosures

You may request the Plan to restrict uses and disclosures of your PHI to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations, or to restrict uses and disclosures to family members, relatives, friends or other persons identified by you who are involved in your care or payment for your care. However, the Plan is not required to agree to your request. The Plan will accommodate reasonable requests to receive communications of PHI by alternative means or at alternative locations; if you tell the Plan that you would be in danger if such a request is not accommodated, then the Plan must accommodate such a request. You or your personal representative will be required to complete a form to request restrictions on uses and disclosures of your PHI. Such requests should be made to the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

If access is denied, you or your personal representative will be provided with a written denial setting forth the basis for the denial, a description of how you may exercise those review rights and a description of how you may complain to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Right to Restrict Disclosures of PHI Pertaining to Out of Pocket Expenses

You have a right to restrict disclosures to health plans of PHI when that information pertains to items or services for which you have paid the costs "out of pocket". The request to restrict this disclosure should be made to the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

The Right to Receive an Accounting of PHI Disclosures

At your request, the Plan will also provide you with an accounting of disclosures by the Plan of your PHI during the six years prior to the date of your request. However, such accounting need not include PHI disclosures made:

- (1) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations;
- (2) to individuals about their own PHI; or
- (3) prior to the compliance date.

If the accounting cannot be provided within 60 days, an additional 30 days is allowed if the individual is given a written statement of the reasons for the delay and the date by which the accounting will be provided. If you request more than one accounting within a 12-month period, the Plan will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for each subsequent accounting.

The Right to Receive a Paper Copy of this Notice Upon Request

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically, and will be provided one promptly. To obtain a paper copy of this Notice contact the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

A Note About Personal Representatives

You may exercise your rights through a personal representative. Your personal representative will be required to produce evidence of his/her authority to act on your behalf before that person will be given access to your PHI or allowed to take any action for you. Proof of such authority may take one of the following forms:

- A power of attorney for health care purposes, notarized by a notary public;
- A court order of appointment of the person as the conservator or guardian of the individual; or
- An individual who is the parent of a minor child

The Plan retains discretion to deny access to your PHI to a personal representative to provide protection to those vulnerable people who depend on others to exercise their rights under these rules and who may be subject to abuse or neglect. This also applies to personal representatives of minors.

The Right to File a Complaint with the Plan or the HHS Secretary

If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint to the Plan in care of the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056

You may file a complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775 or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.

The Plan will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.



Section 3. The Plan's Duties

The Plan is required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI and to provide individuals (participants and beneficiaries) with notice of its legal duties and privacy practices. This notice was originally effective beginning April 14, 2003, was reissued January 1, 2008, September 1, 2013, and most recently as of September 27, 2018. The Plan is required to comply with the terms of this notice. However, the Plan reserves the right to change its privacy practices and to apply the changes to any PHI received or maintained by the Plan prior to that date. If a privacy practice is changed, a revised version of this notice will be provided to all past and present participants and beneficiaries for whom the Plan still maintains PHI. Such a notice will be either sent by Mail, intracompany mail, by email, or a combination of the above.

The Plan may not use genetic information about you to determine your eligibility for benefits, the cost of the Plan to you, or to exclude any conditions from coverage under the Plan.

The Plan is required by law to notify you in the event a breach of your unsecured PHI is discovered by the Plan or by one of its business associates.

For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

Minimum Necessary Standard

When using or disclosing PHI or when requesting PHI from another covered entity, the Plan will make reasonable efforts not to use, disclose or request more than the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure or request, taking into consideration practical and technological limitations. However, the minimum necessary standard will not apply in the following situations:

- Disclosures to or requests by a health care provider for treatment;
- Uses or disclosures made to the individual;
- Disclosures made to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;

- Uses or disclosures that are required by law; and
- Uses or disclosures that are required for the Plan's compliance with legal regulations.

This notice does not apply to information that has been de-identified. De-identified information for which there is no reasonable basis to believe that the information can be used to identify an individual is not individually identifiable health information.

In addition, the Plan may use or disclose "summary health information" to the plan sponsor for obtaining premium bids or modifying, amending or terminating the group health plan, which summarizes the claims history, claims expenses or type of claims experienced by individuals for whom a plan sponsor has provided health benefits under a group health plan; and from which identifying information has been deleted in accordance with HIPAA.



Section 4. Whom to Contact for More Information

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the subject addressed in it, you may contact the following privacy officer:

Janelle Casilio,
HIPAA Privacy Officer
5555 San Felipe St.
Houston, TX 77056
Phone: 713-296-4446
Email: jncasilio@marathonoil.com

Conclusion

PHI use and disclosure by the Plan is regulated by a federal law known as HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). You may find these rules at 45 code of Federal Regulations Parts 10 and 164. This notice attempts to summarize the regulations. The regulations will supersede any discrepancy between the information in this notice and the regulations.