

AVANT DENTISTRY
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES
Effective Date: February 16, 2026

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.

OUR LEGAL DUTY

Avant Dentistry is required by law to:

- Maintain the privacy and security of your Protected Health Information (“PHI”)
- Provide you with this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices
- Follow the terms of this Notice currently in effect
- Notify you promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time. Any revised Notice will apply to all information we maintain and will be available in our office and on our website.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR INFORMATION

We may use and disclose your PHI for the following purposes:

1. **Treatment:** To provide, coordinate, or manage your dental care and related services. For example, we may share information with specialists, laboratories, pharmacies, or other healthcare providers involved in your care.
 2. **Payment:** To bill and receive payment from you, your insurance company, or a third party for services rendered.
 3. **Healthcare Operations:** For business activities necessary to operate our practice, including quality assessment, staff training, licensing, accreditation, compliance reviews, and administrative activities.
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SPECIAL PROTECTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) RECORDS

Federal law provides **heightened confidentiality protections** for records relating to substance use disorder treatment that are received from a program subject to 42 CFR Part 2.

If Avant Dentistry receives or maintains such records:

- We will not use or disclose these records without your written consent except as permitted by federal law.
- When permitted by law, SUD records may be used or disclosed for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations in accordance with HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2 requirements.
- SUD records may not be used or disclosed in civil, criminal, administrative, or legislative proceedings against you without your specific written consent or a court order meeting federal requirements.
- If SUD information is used for fundraising communications, you will be provided a clear and conspicuous opportunity to opt out.

These additional protections apply only when your information qualifies as protected under federal substance use disorder confidentiality law.

OTHER PERMITTED OR REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

We may also disclose your PHI:

- When required by federal or state law
 - For public health activities
 - For health oversight activities
 - For workers' compensation claims
 - To avert a serious threat to health or safety
 - For law enforcement purposes as permitted by law
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YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to:

- **Inspect and obtain a copy** of your health records
- **Request an amendment** if you believe information is incorrect or incomplete
- **Request an accounting of disclosures**
- **Request restrictions** on certain uses or disclosures
- **Request confidential communications** (e.g., alternate address)
- **Receive a paper copy** of this Notice
- **Opt out of fundraising communications**

Requests must be submitted in writing to our Privacy Officer.

BREACH NOTIFICATION

If a breach of your unsecured PHI occurs, we will notify you in accordance with federal law.

QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with our Privacy Officer:

Name: Dr. Annie Yu

Address: 5454 Wisconsin Ave, Suite #1035, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Phone: 240-743-4421

Email: info@avantdentistry.com

You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.
