



Communications and Privacy

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Patient Name: _____ **DOB:** ____/____/____

This document establishes practice policies for patient location, interstate professional services, electronic communications, and temporary provider unavailability. It applies to all patients, including those whose care began face-to-face, and applies to a service or clinical agreement when that agreement incorporates this document by reference.

General Location and Jurisdiction Policy

Unless a different arrangement has been reviewed and confirmed in advance, Dr. Weyrich provides patient-specific professional services only when both Dr. Weyrich and the patient are physically located in Arizona.

- Patient-specific professional services include individualized interpretation, diagnosis, recommendations, prescribing, treatment initiation or modification, monitoring decisions, orders, referrals, and substantive clinical responses, regardless of the communication method used.
- Administrative communications, scheduling, billing, confirmation of receipt, authorized records handling, general educational information, and directions to obtain local urgent or emergency care may continue without creating an obligation to provide a patient-specific professional service.
- A prior face-to-face visit, Arizona residence, mailing address, telephone number, ZIP Code, or apparent message origin does not establish current physical location. The relevant location is the patient's location, not the location of a parent, guardian, representative, or other signer.

Live Telehealth and Telephone Encounters

At the beginning of each scheduled video, audio, or telephone encounter involving patient-specific professional services, the patient or authorized representative will provide the patient's current physical location and a reliable callback number. The location must identify the state and be sufficiently precise to support emergency response if needed.

A usable location may be a street address, health care facility, hotel, campground, named road or intersection, highway and mile marker, GPS coordinates, or equivalent information. A conventional postal address is not required when other information reliably identifies the patient's location. If the state or emergency location cannot be reasonably confirmed, Dr. Weyrich may postpone or limit the substantive encounter until it can be verified.

Delayed Message (Asynchronous) Communications

Patients may send records, updates, questions, and other information through communication methods accepted by the practice, including secure messaging, portal, email, text, voicemail, fax, or postal service when appropriate. Sending or receiving a message does not guarantee an immediate or substantive response and does not automatically reopen or extend a completed engagement.

- When requesting patient-specific interpretation, advice, prescribing, treatment modification, or another substantive response, the patient will state whether the patient is currently physically located in Arizona and will provide a reliable callback number if the practice does not already have a current one.
- If the patient leaves Arizona or materially changes location before the matter is addressed, the patient will notify the practice. Because messages may be reviewed later, Dr. Weyrich may request renewed location confirmation before responding substantively.
- If the patient is outside Arizona or the location is uncertain, Dr. Weyrich may acknowledge receipt, handle administrative matters, transfer records, or provide directions for local urgent or emergency care while deferring patient-specific professional advice.

Provider Location and Temporary Unavailability

Dr. Weyrich may defer patient-specific professional services, including substantive responses to electronic messages, while he is physically outside Arizona unless he has confirmed in advance that the requested service is permitted from his location and covered by applicable professional-liability insurance. During travel or other temporary unavailability, administrative communications, scheduling, billing, confirmation of receipt, records handling, and emergency directions may continue. Nonurgent patient-specific matters must be addressed after he resumes practice from Arizona.

Coordination with Other Professionals and Facilities

When lawful and clinically appropriate, Dr. Weyrich may communicate about an Arizona patient with clinicians, pharmacists, laboratories, imaging centers, and facilities located inside or outside Arizona. Their location does not by itself establish the patient's location. Such entities may be subject to their own licensing, dispensing, ordering, documentation, or acceptance requirements, and Dr. Weyrich cannot guarantee that they will accept an order, prescription, referral, recommendation, or coordination request.

Privacy and Communication Safeguards

The practice respects the privacy of patient medical, personal, and identifying information and uses reasonable safeguards intended to reduce unauthorized access, loss, or disclosure. Information may be used as reasonably necessary to provide requested professional services and may be disclosed with patient authorization or when required by applicable law.

Secure email or a secure portal is preferred for confidential medical information. Ordinary email, text, voicemail, or fax may be used when appropriate but may involve privacy, identity-verification, delivery, or misunderstanding risks.

Patient medical and identifying information may be used within the practice as reasonably necessary to provide professional services to the patient. Consistent with professional ethics and the patient's expressed preferences, information may be disclosed pursuant to the patient's specific or standing authorization, including for consultation and coordination of care, or when disclosure is required or otherwise specifically authorized by applicable law.

Unless required otherwise by law, Dr. Weyrich does not share medical records with insurance companies or other third-party payers without an appropriate records request and patient authorization.

For reliable communication, you should use the practice telephone number, secure email, secure portal, fax, or postal mail.

Messages are not continuously monitored and must not be relied on for urgent or emergency concerns. For an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department. For an urgent concern, contact an appropriate local clinician or urgent care facility rather than waiting for Dr. Weyrich to respond. After the situation has been addressed, the patient should notify the practice when clinically relevant.

Unsecured email or ordinary text messaging may expose information to privacy risks. Avoid sending sensitive health information through unsecured channels unless you knowingly accept that risk and Dr. Weyrich agrees to use that channel.

The patient must provide accurate contact information, identify communication restrictions, privacy preferences, and promptly report changes. Electronic communications may become part of the medical record.

Medical Records, Access, and Retention

Clinical reports, correspondence, test results, substantive patient communications, authorizations, and other information relevant to care may be incorporated into the medical record when relevant to care, professional services, or practice obligations. Records are maintained, retained, accessed, and released in accordance with applicable law and practice policy. Patients may request access to or copies of their records, subject to reasonable identity-verification and delivery procedures.

Nothing in this document authorizes the practice to submit insurance claims, conduct payer transactions, obtain payer prior authorization, or undertake payer-administration activities. Those matters are governed by the applicable Payment, Insurance and Third-Party Coverage terms.

Communication with Authorized Persons

The practice may communicate with persons identified and authorized by the patient in the Demographics form or another valid written authorization, subject to the scope and limitations of that authorization. Merely listing a person as an emergency contact does not authorize routine disclosure of medical information or give that person authority to make healthcare decisions. Communication preferences in this document do not expand another person's authority beyond the scope expressly granted elsewhere.



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Signature

Orville R. Weyrich, Jr., PhD, NMD, BCN, ABAHP

Please read this complete Communications and Privacy document, dated September 23, 2026, before signing below. It is also available at <https://DrWeyrich.com/forms/05-20260923.pdf>. The complete agreement is incorporated into this acknowledgment and consent.

Save or print this page, complete it, and return by secure email to DrWeyrich@hushmail.com, by fax, or by postal mail. Fax number and postal address are provided on request.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT

I have read this document and understand the practice policies concerning patient and provider location, interstate services, electronic communications, temporary unavailability, privacy, and emergency care. I understand that these policies apply even if the patient was originally evaluated face-to-face and regardless of whether the communication method is formally classified as telehealth.

- ☐ I will maintain access to a designated PCP and appropriate local clinicians for comprehensive, urgent, emergency, and in-person care.
- ☐ I understand that, unless a different arrangement has been reviewed and confirmed in advance, patient-specific professional services are provided only when both Dr. Weyrich and the patient are physically located in Arizona.
- ☐ I understand that the patient's physical location, not the signer's location, is relevant to the delivery of patient care.
- ☐ I will provide accurate information about the patient's current physical location each live remote encounter and when requested before a substantive asynchronous response.
- ☐ I will notify the practice if the patient leaves Arizona or materially changes location before an electronic request has been addressed.
- ☐ I understand that Dr. Weyrich may defer a substantive response when either party is outside Arizona or when the applicable jurisdiction cannot be reasonably confirmed.
- ☐ I understand that routine electronic messages are not continuously monitored and are not appropriate for urgent or emergency concerns.
- ☐ Nothing in this document is intended to create obligations under a law that does not otherwise apply to the practice.
- ☐ I understand that this document applies to a service or clinical agreement when it is incorporated into that agreement by reference.

Patient name (printed): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Legal guardian or authorized representative, if applicable:

(printed name): _____

Relationship to patient / authority to sign: _____

Signer is: ☐ Patient ☐ Legal guardian ☐ Authorized representative

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Accepted by Dr. Orville R. Weyrich, Jr., NMD:

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____