

Chiropractic Office Managers

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Edie, a couple days ago, I was "investigated" by Progressive insurance. I recorded it and blogged <http://drhaley.com/chiropractor-under-investigation/>. On the tape, you'll notice they asked to see my records. Of course, they have copies as required for billing purposes. But as for these two insurance reps, I might be a hipaa violation so I did not show it to them. What was the right thing to do? Don't want to be anonymous here. After all, you see I am blogging about it and posting on youtube.

Regarding advanced notice, they called - but nothing written. We asked what they wanted to see and they might want to see the file, licenses, and see the equipment used.

Dr. Michael Haley

Dear Dr. Mike,

I watched your video. You did good. They do have the right to the patient records but as you said, you must not receive any written notice. You have 30 days to produce the records. When it comes to "Treatment, Payment or Operations" you can release records without worrying about HIPAA violation if you did have an authorization from the patient to release the records to their insurance company.

BUT.....

This is my concern. How do you know they are who they say they are? Just as in NOT giving information over the phone immediately when you are called, I would ask them for a name, address, and phone number of the insurance company that you can verify who they are and then will be happy to send them to them at the address provided. You want to protect your patients by making sure you are releasing information to the right person. If you are not, that is a HIPAA violation.

Thanks, and you did good doc!

Edie

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