

## **Discrimination is Against the Law**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all members of Athens Gastroenterology Association, P.C. and Athens Gastroenterology Endoscopy Center (collectively, “AGA”) complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. **AGA** does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. **AGA**:

- ✓ Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
  
- ✓ Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Amber Strickland, MBA, RHIT: Clinic Manager.

If you believe that **AGA** has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with:

**Amber Strickland, MBA, RHIT: Clinic Manager**  
**Athens Gastroenterology Association**  
**3320 Old Jefferson Road**  
**Building 400**  
**Athens, Georgia 30607**  
**Phone: (706) 613-1625**  
**Fax: (706) 613-1629**

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Amber Strickland, MBA, RHIT: Clinic Manager is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**  
**200 Independence Avenue, SW**  
**Room 509F, HHH Building**  
**Washington, D.C. 20201**  
**1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)**

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.