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Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)

On December 20, 2000 the federal government issued the final regulations on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). The rules were published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2000.

These new regulations establish broad privacy protection for an individual's health records. The regulations apply to practically all-personal medical information, whether documented on electronic records, on paper or through oral communications.

The rules require doctors to obtain a one-time advance written consent from their patients for the routine use and disclosure of their health data. Routine use is defined as including accessing the information for treatment purposes, for discussing with another physician, for payments reasons and/or for health plan operations.

Your signature below on this document will serve as our compliance with the new HIPPA regulations.

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