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HIPAA Privacy Regulations

(Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)

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Attention All Patients:

In order to protect patients' privacy in this electronic age, the federal government has issued a series of laws that pertain to electronic submission of patient data to insurance companies. While we DO NOT submit any patient's personal information electronically, we have chosen to implement the new regulations because they are patient-friendly and consistent with the intent of Federal law.

The intent of the law is to put the patient in control of their health information. The regulations set boundaries on the use and release of health care information including information that relates to one's health, health care, or payment for health care that is individually identifiable through name, address, birth date, social security number, etc.

Measures we have taken to protect your identity include:

1. No personal information is visible and kept in filing cabinets.
2. Your patient screen on the computer will be visible only on the computer in the room in which you are checking in with the receptionist and will not be in view for others to see.

Furthermore, we are providing each patient with a copy of a NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES and will insure that each patient affirms that they have received and read these articles.

If you would like more information about HIPAA or the practices *i-dontics*, LLC takes to protect your privacy, please discuss this with the Privacy Officer of *i-dontics*, LLC.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we implement these changes to better serve your dental health care needs.

Sincerely,

The Doctors and Dstaff of *i-dontics*, LLC