



**Pediatric  
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Dear Valued Patient/Family of Patient of POS/PEL:

The United States government has passed a law that requires us to clearly identify guidelines for release of medical information. This law takes effect on April 14, 2003. The purpose of this law is to safeguard medical information from sources not authorized to possess this information and at the same time to release appropriate information to other healthcare providers, insurance companies and other authorized agencies.

You have the right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your health information. You also have the right to inspect and/or copy your health information. We may charge you a reasonable charge based fee to cover copying, etc.

It is our goal and requirement that we use your medical information with confidentiality and our best judgment in any communication with your family and others.

An expanded nine-page document is available upon request, which covers these issues in greater detail. If you would like a copy of this document, please let our office staff know and it will be provided to you.

POS/PEL is in compliance with the Red Flags Rule, which became effective in August of 2009. A copy of the policies and procedures is available upon your request. If you would like a copy of this document, please let our office staff know and it will also be provided to you.

Sincerely,

POS/PEL

I have read the above and understand my rights under these new regulations.

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Patient Name

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Date

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Responsible Party Signature

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Relationship to Patient

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