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The HIPAA Privacy Protection Regulation mandates controlled dissemination and use of health care information by all healthcare providers. As a basic means of compliance PARC Medical Billing Service has revised the FAX cover sheet which we use to transmit facsimile information to our HIPAA designated "business associates" and "trading partners". The revision is necessary to protect information we send out from illegal misuse as defined by the HIPAA Privacy Protection Regulation.

As a courtesy we are providing a sample of this revision on the enclosed FAX cover sheet. The text, which is printed in red, represents our effort to comply with this basic privacy protection.

If your practice transmits information via facsimile, we encourage you to adopt similar if not exact replication of these two paragraphs on your FAX cover sheet. We recommend this to you as PARC Medical Billing Service is indeed a business associate and trading partner to your practice, and we would be remiss if we did not bring this basic albeit minor privacy protection issue to your attention.

We will continue to inform you of any additional measures you should consider as we progress toward the upcoming HIPAA Privacy Protection Regulation deadline of April 14th, 2003.

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