



January 5, 2006

Re: Vendor Compliance

Dear DMC Vendor:

On August 21, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). Among other provisions, the Act includes legislation designed to protect the privacy/security of patient information. Penalties for violating that legislation can be severe. And, while the DMC has always considered patient privacy to be a cornerstone to effective healthcare, we now must demonstrate our commitment to privacy by rigorously enforcing a number of physical security measures within our various sites.

In order to fulfill our obligations under the Act, the DMC has begun the arduous task of tightening controls on visitor access to DMC facilities. DMC vendors will be no exception.

Toward this end, attached please find a copy of the DMC vendor confidentiality agreement. As a DMC vendor, you are required to read and act in accordance with its terms and conditions. Please keep in mind that violations of our confidentiality agreement may result in your immediate expulsion from DMC property, may be considered a breach of contract, or may prohibit you from future business with the DMC as a whole.

Sincerely,

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