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Dear Clients:

Effective 4/14/03, all health care professionals must be in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The law was designed to improve the efficiency of health care services by standardizing electronic data, and to protect privacy of this data by imposing uniform procedures and standards across the country. At this time all healthcare providers must implement the standards pertaining to the maintenance and the access to an individual's health care information.

I am required to share a NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES-BRIEF VERSION with you and have you sign the CONSENT TO USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION. A longer version of the NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES is available from me at your request.

Since I do not submit insurance claims for clients, use electronic billing, or contract out my billing most of the uses for disclosure of your PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION will not apply to my practice. Please note that although the new law dictates a number of ways that I may share your PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION, only under the most unusual of circumstances will I release any information without your prior knowledge and authorization.

Please read the NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES-BRIEF VERSION and sign the CONSENT TO USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION. If you are signing for your child, you are his or her personal representative.

Please do not hesitate to contact with any questions regarding the implementation of this law. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda P. Rogers