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## **Protection Against Medical Identity Theft**

Dear Patients;

Federal law requires healthcare providers to comply with Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, section 114. This law was designed to protect consumers from identity theft.

Medical identity theft occurs when someone uses a person's name and sometimes other parts of a person's identity – such as insurance information – without the person's knowledge or consent to obtain medical services or goods.

AALFA Family Clinic's policy, in keeping with Federal law, attempts to verify the identity of the patients we serve at the time of each visit. We keep a copy of their photo ID and current insurance card in their file so they can be easily identified when arriving for their appointment.

AALFA takes protection of your privacy very seriously. Nothing included in our policy relating to medical identity theft is in contradiction to the HIPAA privacy law. In fact, this policy increases our view of the importance of HIPAA compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation and for assisting us in protecting the identity of our patients. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Clinic Manager at 651-653-0062.

Sincerely,

AALFA Family Clinic Staff