

# Protecting Your Personal Health Information Is Important to Us.

Dear Patient:

Due to the rapid evolution of computer technology and its use in healthcare, the federal government has appropriately sought to standardize and protect your personal health information. Thus, the new Federal (*HIPAA- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*) laws have been written to protect the confidentiality of your health information.

In compliance with this law, we want to inform you about the policies and procedures that we have adopted to make sure that your health information will not be shared with anyone who does not require it. These are outlined in our *Notice of Privacy Practices* document located at our front desk. It essentially states that we will use and communicate your and your family's health information only for the following purposes:

- **Providing your treatment**
- **Obtaining payment**
- **Conducting health care operations**

Your health care information will not be used for any other purpose without your written permission.

Please take a moment to review our *Notice of Privacy Procedures*, and sign the acknowledgement of receipt of this information which will be kept in your record. Also, please inform us if there is ever a change in your health information so that we may have an accurate and updated medical history and be able to provide you with the appropriate dental care.

Thank you for taking the time to review this important information. If you have any questions, please ask me or a staff member.

In the interest of your best health,

Gary DiSanto-Rose DMD