

## **HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act**

**Federal Mandate that goes into effect 04/14/2003**

**Patients without insurance:** there is no difference in the release you have already signed on your health questionnaire. We just have to document differently due to the national mandate that went into effect on 04/14/2003; If you decline to sign the release of information form, no information can be released for you from our office without a signed separate release. This includes transfer of records, x-rays, etc...

**Patient's WITH Insurance who refuse to sign the consent and disclosure form:** Release of x-rays or transfer letters can not be done without a specific signed release form. Insurance cannot be submitted. Patient will be required to pay in full at time of visit and be given a Doctor's statement in order to file on your own behalf, with your own insurance form. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS.**