

Dear Patient:

The protection of your health information and identity is very important to us. Our practice has established numerous safeguards to ensure the privacy of your health and financial information. Beginning November 1, 2008 we will be asking all patients to provide a piece of identification with a picture and signature if available for identity verification purposes.

It is necessary for us to continue collecting social security numbers (SSN) from our patients; however, we will not maintain your SSN in your paper record. *Once we collect your SSN we will enter it into our computer system and either destroy this document or give it back to you whichever you prefer.* 

Please be advised that we cannot guarantee that your SSN will not be listed on other documents from other healthcare providers but we will do our best to eliminate it from our written records.

Patient Name:\_\_\_\_\_ D

DOB:\_\_\_\_\_

SS#\_\_\_\_\_

Olympic Internal Medicine Inc., P.S.