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IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION POLICY

Dear Patient,

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has released a new rule to protect consumers from IDENTITY THEFT, which is now becoming known as the “Red Flag Rule.” The new rule now requires any corporation which extends credit to implement a written identity theft prevention program. Under the FTC’s guidelines, physicians who regularly bill their patients for services rendered (including copayments, co-insurance and deductibles) are considered creditors and therefore must comply with the “Red Flag Rules.”

As a result, Lake Grove ENT, P.C. will now require the following information from all patients to ensure the identity of the person being seen:

1. Drivers License or state or federal government issued form of identification with picture.
2. Proof of Insurance.

Once we have validated that the patient being seen matches the information provided, we will store this proof in the patient’s medical records and capture a current photograph of the patient for future visits. This photograph eliminates the need to ask for this information in the future unless something changes.

We regret any inconveniences this may cause. We do ask that you remember that, just like many other institutions, Lake Grove ENT, P.C. must abide by federal law to keep your information protected. As a result, we have very rigid policies and procedures to insure that your records remain confidential and well-safeguarded.

Thank you in advance.