



Hudson Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Explorer HIPAA Acknowledgement

Date _____ Explorer's name _____

Pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services promulgates rules and regulations to regulate the privacy and security of medical information. The purpose of the law is to improve portability of health insurance coverage, reduce healthcare fraud and abuse and to protect individual privacy of personal health records.

Please note that after HIPAA went into effect, several sets of regulations were promulgated, two rules are key for marketers—the "Privacy Rule" and the "Security Rule". The Privacy rule creates national standards to protect the privacy of personal information, while the Security Rule governs the security of electronic healthcare information.

Penalties for Failure to Comply with HIPAA

The legislation carries heavy civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply. US DHHS Office for Civil Rights will enforce civil penalties that may include penalties from \$100 per violation to \$25,000 per calendar year. US Department of Justice will enforce criminal penalties which may include up to 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

I, _____, a Hudson Volunteer Fire Department Explorer, have been advised of the HIPAA law and acknowledge that any information received while performing my duties as an Explorer, will not be disclosed to anyone except when legally obligated to do so.

Explorer's signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Captain of the Explorer's signature _____ Date _____