

Red Flags Rule

Effective May 01, 2009

Beginning May 01, 2009 the **Red Flags Rule** goes into effect. In November of 2007 the Federal Trades Commission (FTC) issued a set of regulations, known as the **“Red Flags Rule”**, requiring that certain entities develop and implement written identity theft prevention and detection programs to protect consumers from identity theft. Health care providers and clinics that accept a patient’s payment on terms or from credit cards are considered a creditor, and thereby subject to the new rule.

To meet the guidelines of the new rule Cardiac Study Center will be requiring valid photo ID at the time you present for your appointment. This will enable us to confirm your identity and detect possible identity and/or insurance theft.

You may elect one of the following options:

- You may request that we scan your valid photo ID into our system upon your visit. Then when you check in for future visits we will bring up the valid photo ID picture to confirm your identity.

Or

- You may request that we ask for your valid photo ID at check in at each visit.

We appreciate your assistance in our efforts to meet the guidelines of the new **“Red Flags Rule”** and our efforts to ensure our patient’s identity is protected.

If you have any questions regarding the new rule you may contact our Compliance Manager, Wendy Fitch directly at (253) 396-4806 Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

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