

General Surgical Associates, P.C.

HIPAA COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE NOTIFICATION FOR OUR PATIENTS

TO OUR VALUED PATIENTS:

The misuse of **Personal Health Information (PHI)** has been identified as a national problem, causing patients inconveniences, aggravation, and money. We want you to know that all of our employees, managers, and doctors continually undergo training to understand and comply with government rules and regulations regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) with particular emphasis on the "Privacy Rule." We strive to achieve the very highest standards of ethics and integrity in performing services for our patients.

It is our policy to properly determine appropriate use of **PHI** in accordance with the governmental rules, laws, and regulations. We want to ensure that our practice never contributes in any way to the growing problem of improper disclosure of **PHI**. As part of this plan, we have implemented a Compliance Program that we believe will help us prevent any inappropriate use of **PHI**.

We also know that we are not perfect! Because of this fact, our policy is to listen to our employees and our patients, without any thought of penalization, if they feel that an event, in any way, compromises our policy of integrity. More so, we welcome your input regarding any service problem, so that we may remedy the situation promptly.

Thank you for being one of our **highly valued** patients.

The Physicians and Staff of
General Surgical Associates, P.C.

This is your Copy of the Compliance Assurance Notification

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