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Dear Health Care Provider:

On April 24, 2014, 2013 Wisconsin Act 342 went into effect. As a result, a “person authorized by the patient” now includes an attorney appointed by the State Public Defender to represent the patient if that attorney has written informed consent from the patient to view and obtain copies of the records. Attached please find the patient’s authorization for disclosure of health information.

Because an attorney appointed by the State Public Defender is a person authorized by the patient, a health care provider may not charge the State Public Defender more than 25 percent of the applicable fee under Wis. Stat. §146.83(3f) for providing one set of copies of a patient's health care records.

All Clients of the State Public Defender are Eligible for Medical Assistance because to qualify for Medical Assistance the client can have up to 135 percent of the federal poverty level whereas to qualify for our representation they can not have more than 115 percent of the federal poverty level.

If you have any questions regarding the patient authorization for disclosure of health information, please contact me. If you have questions regarding the applicable fees for health care records requested by an attorney appointed by the State Public Defender, please contact the State Public Defender Fiscal Unit at 608-267-1775.

Sincerely,

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