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## **Business Associate Agreement Notice**

As you are aware, the Department of Health and Human Services published the Omnibus Rules in January 2013. These Rules require revisions to Business Associate Agreements; these Agreements were required to be in place by September 24, 2013.

Due the large number of Covered Entities to which SVMIC is a Business Associate, our Business Associate Agreement is now a unilateral agreement. This unilateral agreement has been implemented for several reasons. First, by issuing a unilateral agreement, we can be assured that a BAA is in place with each of our insureds. Secondly, having one agreement simplifies our Subcontractor Agreements in that our Subcontractors will be able to work from one document to ensure they meet their obligations as required by law. Finally, the issuance of a unilateral BAA is the standard amongst other Medical Professional Liability companies for the reasons listed above. This BAA contains all the elements required by HHS and has been in place since July 2013.

SVMIC is committed to safeguarding the PHI that our insureds entrust to us. We have in place Administrative, Physical, and Technical safeguards, annual employee training on the importance of safeguarding PHI, regular email communications to employees regarding HIPAA news and compliance, and both a Compliance/Privacy Officer and an Information Systems Security Officer to oversee all aspects of our HIPAA/HITECH compliance program.

For your convenience, the Business Associate Agreement can be found on our website:  
<https://home.svmic.com/resources/svmic-business-associate-agreement-with-policyholders-2016>

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. Thank you for your confidence in SVMIC. It is our honor to serve you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherie L. Edwards".

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