

Identification for Protection

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www.ftc.gov

www.ama-assn.org

www.pahousegop.com

www.healthpointpa.com

www.dmvstate.pa.us



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Photo Identification & Consumer Fraud :

Many health care professionals are now requesting photo identification (I.D's) from patients prior to administering any services. The request for photo I.D stems from the growing occurrence and concern about identity theft and consumer fraud. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has issued regulation known as the "**Red Flags Rule**" as of November 2009. The intent is to have many of the services (creditors) we use implement and develop written identity theft prevention and detection programs to protect the patients as well as the physicians. However, the American Medical Association (AMA) concludes that the identification of physicians as "creditors" is a misrepresentation; therefore, physicians should be exempt from the Red Flags Rule. For additional information on the Red Flags Rule and the AMA's stance, please visit www.ftc.gov and www.ama-assn.org.

Health Care Facilities Act:

Currently, Pennsylvania State Representatives are working to expand the **Health Care Facilities Act**. Under the bill, employees working for home health care agencies and hospitals would be required to wear photo I.D's at all times, including when working in patients' homes. Presently many agencies require employees to wear I.D's. The bill is before the House Committee on Aging and Older Adult Services. For more information please visit, www.pahousegop.com or www.healthpointpa.com.

How to Obtain a Photo I.D.:

If you are interested in a obtaining a Photo Identification Card (I.D) please remember to:

- 1) Visit your local Drivers License Center
- 2) Complete the **Initial Photo Identification Card (DL-54A)** application
- 3) Bring proof of identification (**Ex: Birth Certificate or Social Security Card**)
- 4) Bring two (2) forms of residency (**Ex: mail or letter from support agency**)
- 5) Individuals are eligible to apply for a non-license I.D card as early as the age of ten.

**** Please note that the above information was redacted from the websites of Health Point PA, the American Medical Association, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.**