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Re: "Treatment, Payment
& Operations" Section
- Standard of Privacy of
Individually Identifiable
Health Information
R114 0991 - ABOB

Dear Sirs:

Stating that individuals have a
right to privacy in the regulations
is URGENT.

Privileged communication for
psychotherapy patients as established
in the Supreme Court's Jaffee v. Redmond
decision should be expressly recognized
and should NOT BE deemed WAIVED for
any disclosure required for treatment
or payment of an insurance claim.

THIS MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN
SERIOUSLY AS PATIENTS NO LONGER
HAVE ANY RIGHTS TO PRIVACY. FEB 16 2000

Please attend to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Michel/CSR