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Subject: SAMS Data Entry and Reporting

Hello Ingrid, Amy and Karl,

Ingrid, when you passed on the information concerning the New Nutrition Screening Form that all nutrition programs are required to use beginning 3/1/08 you said that if I needed clarification that you would be glad to get more information. I have studied the material and because the instructions are quite clear, I was able to record both an initial assessment and reassessment using myself as the consumer. I don't require further clarification as to the process.

However, since I had such a negative visceral reaction that my privacy was being invaded, I must ask Amy and Karl to cite the authority that the state is using to require that personally identifiable and confidential data be entered into the SAMS system. The Nutrition Check List appears to me to be a rogue form that has not been approved by the Department of Health and Family Services.

All state records are subject to specific legal requirements relating to creation, storage and disposition. Are the personally identifiable records in SAMS afforded the same protections as other similar records of the state?

I have attached a copy of an assessment form relating to the criteria for high risk of nursing home admissions that contains the legal notices required for mandated submission of personally identifiable information. Pending development of a form for high risk nutrition assessment with similar citations for legal authority and delineation of penalties for failure to complete the form, I suggest that data entry into the SAMS system be put on hold.

Best regards,

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