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To All PAEMS Providers:

We have noticed a problem where prehospital patient information has been disseminated via text messaging, and found on social media websites (facebook, twitter, instagram). Recently, these have occurred in potentially high-profile cases or when interesting or sensational diagnoses are involved. However, this is a reminder that such activities are a breach of patient privacy and confidentiality, are a HIPAA violation, and cannot be tolerated on any level.

Please refrain from any such communications about a patient's case, even if in general terms.

Please contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,



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