SECTION 1557 OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Section 1557 is the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in certain health programs or activities. Section 1557 builds on long-standing and familiar Federal civil rights laws: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Section 557 extends nondiscrimination protections to individuals participating in:

- Any health program or activity any part of which received funding from HHS
- Any health program or activity that HHS itself administers
- Health Insurance Marketplaces and all plans offered by issuers that participate in those Marketplaces.

Discrimination is against the law

Integrity Dental, PC complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or sex.

Integrity Dental, PC does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Integrity Dental, PC

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as Qualified interpreters
 Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Sue Wever, Office Manager.

If you believe that **Integrity Dental, PC** has failed to make an effort to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <u>https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</u>, or by mail or phone at:

US Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, DC 20201 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html