

**Board of County Commissioners Meeting**

**Staff Report**

**Agenda Item #\_\_\_\_: Matters from Staff**

**Meeting Date: January 19, 2009**

**Presenter: W.Watsabaugh/K.Gingery**

**Submitting Department: Attorney**

**Subject: HIPAA compliance**

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**Statement / Purpose:**

**Business Associate Agreement with Teton Valley Hospital and Surgicenter for HIPAA purposes**

**Background / Description / Alternatives (Pros & Cons):**

**Teton County is entering into a contract with the Teton County, Idaho Ambulance Service District to service Alta, Wyoming. The Ambulance District works with the Teton Valley Hospital and Surgicenter. HIPAA is a federal law that provides for the confidential handling of patient information. Since Teton County, Wyoming will be receiving billing information about patients, we need to agree (as a business associate) to comply with the confidentiality requirements of HIPAA.**

**Attachments:**

**Business Associate Agreement for HIPAA purposes with Teton Valley Hospital**

**Fiscal Impact: None**

**Staff Impact: None**

**Legal Review: Keith Gingery**

**Recommendation: Approve.**

**Suggested Motion:**

**I move to approve the Business Associate Agreement with Teton Valley Hospital and Surgicenter for HIPAA purposes.**