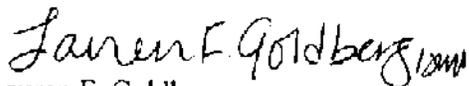
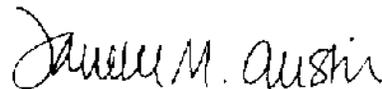


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In summary, the recent amendments to HIPAA reflect the federal government's commitment to regulation and enforcement of the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information. As a result, municipalities that provide emergency medical services must continue to take appropriate steps to ensure compliance with HIPAA and its regulations, including the adoption of security and privacy policies, training concerning the appropriate use and safeguarding of PHI, and the execution of updated Business Associate Agreements.

Very truly yours,


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