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Membership Advisory

Privacy Issues

The Ad Hoc Committee on Privacy highly recommends all members sign up to receive the newsletter from the Saskatchewan Privacy Commissioner's office, "FOIP FOLIO" (FOIP is the abbreviation for the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act). To be placed on the distribution list for this newsletter contact the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner at webmaster@oipc.sk.ca.

The newsletter routinely covers issues of interest to psychologists.

For example, were you aware you must keep all referrals sent to your practice, even if you do not end up accepting them?

The February 2012 issues contains a reference to the U.S. department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology's "Guideline on security and privacy in Cloud Computing", available at www.nist.gov. This is a good primer on the security and privacy features of cloud computing.

The Saskatchewan Privacy Commissioner's website also contains links to reports summarizing investigations undertaken by the office. Some of these have direct bearing on psychologists. There is the April 18, 2011 advisory issued to Saskatchewan health care providers for destruction of patient files; the Mobile Device Security – Best Practice document from March 2011; and the Report H-2008-002 regarding access to independent medical examination report and other personal health information, i.e., the referral letter (a report based on investigation of a complaint to the Privacy Officer about a psychologist).