

# HIPAA Resources for Health Care Providers<sup>1</sup>

## Statute, Regulations and Official Guidance (Direct Links)

### Statute

#### **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act**

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp/pl104191.htm>

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 is the legislation that called for the Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations related to the electronic transmission of health care transactions and the privacy and security of health care information.

### Regulations

#### *Privacy*

#### **Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information –Final December 28, 2000**

- Preamble: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp/final/PvcPre01.htm>
- Regulation: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp/final/pvctx01.htm>

#### **Modifications to Final Privacy regulation August 14, 2002**

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/privrule.txt>

#### **Redlined version of Final Privacy regulation, incorporating modifications:**

<http://www.hipaadvisory.com/reg/finalprivacymod/AnnotatedPrivacy081402.doc>

#### **HHS Guidance on the Final Privacy Rule**

- July 2001 <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp/final/pvcguide1.htm>
- October 2, 2002 <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/faqs1001.doc>

These two documents constitute official guidance issued by the Department of Health and Human Services on how to interpret the regulations and what changes will likely be made. Further guidance documents are expected.

### *Security*

#### **Standards for the Security of Individual Health Data (Proposed)**

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp/nprm/secnprm.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> Inclusion of a site on this page is not an endorsement of any group their policies or positions.

## *Transactions*

### **Standards for Electronic Transactions (Final)**

Preamble: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admnsimp/final/txfin00.htm>

Regulation: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admnsimp/final/txfin01.htm>

## *National Provider Identifier*

### **Standards for National Health Care Provider Identifier (Proposed)**

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admnsimp/nprm/npinprm.pdf>

## **Federal Government Sites**

### **Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Simplification site**

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admnsimp>

This DHHS site keeps you posted on the most current official actions related to HIPAA. Includes links to the regulations, official guidance, frequently asked questions about the transaction standards, and background on the evolution of HIPAA. Provides mechanisms for submitting questions about the transaction standards and registering for e-mail updates directly from DHHS.

### **Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights HIPAA site**

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa>

The Office for Civil Rights is charged with enforcing the privacy regulations. This site includes links to the privacy regulation, a summary of the regulation, a mechanism for submitting questions, and the most current news about the privacy regulation.

## **National Professional Associations and Organizations**

### **Workgroup on Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI)**

#### **Strategic National Implementation Process (SNIP)**

<http://snip.wedi.org>

WEDI is a national health care industry collaboration to promote electronic data interchange. SNIP is a project of WEDI to help coordinate national HIPAA implementation and provide implementation assistance. This site includes overviews of regulations, white papers, implementation checklists and tools, rosters of consulting services and vendors, calendar of seminars, links to other HIPAA-related sites.

**American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)**

[www.ahima.org/hot.topics/](http://www.ahima.org/hot.topics/)

Includes links to regulations, articles, frequently asked questions, product listings, checklists, sample forms and policies, calendar of seminars.

**Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)**

<http://www.himss.org/asp/hipaasource.asp>

Includes current HIPAA news, awareness information, assessment and compliance tools, frequently asked questions, and links to other HIPAA sites.

**American Hospital Association (AHA)**

[http://www.hospitalconnect.com/aha/key\\_issues/hipaa/index.html](http://www.hospitalconnect.com/aha/key_issues/hipaa/index.html)

Includes HIPAA news, frequently asked questions and articles. Miscellaneous HIPAA tools are available to members.

**American Medical Association (AMA)**

[www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/4234.html](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/4234.html)

Includes links to regulations, HIPAA updates and information about AMA advocacy efforts on HIPAA.

**Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)**

[www.mgma.com/search\\_result\\_1.cfm?criteria=HIPAA](http://www.mgma.com/search_result_1.cfm?criteria=HIPAA)

Includes audiocassettes for purchase and, for members, access to articles about various HIPAA issues.

**Miscellaneous**

**HIPAA Advisory**

[www.hipaadvisory.com](http://www.hipaadvisory.com)

HIPAA Advisory is a Web site of Phoenix Health Systems, a health care IT consulting and outsourcing firm. This site includes searchable versions of the regulations, current HIPAA news, frequently asked questions, and links to vendors of HIPAA services. Site visitors can subscribe to HIPAAAlert, a free e-mail newsletter, and register for HIPAAlive, an e-mail discussion group.

**Georgetown University Health Privacy Project**

[www.healthprivacy.org](http://www.healthprivacy.org)

The Health Privacy Project Web site includes information about additional federal and state laws that impact patient privacy.

