

# What is HIPAA?

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**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a federal law which:**

- Regulates and sets standards for protecting patient privacy and confidentiality of Protected Health Information (PHI)
- Describes how we may use and disclose health information
- Expands patient's rights regarding their health information
- Includes penalties for privacy violations

**Whom does HIPAA impact?**

- Payers
- Providers
- Clearinghouses
- Business Associates and their Subcontractors (Final Rule update)

## HIPAA

Health Insurance  
Portability and  
Accountability Act

## PHI

Protected Health  
Information

## PHI

PHI consists of items within a medical record which could be used to link it to an individual patient.

HIPAA Fundamentals

HIPAA Privacy Rule

HIPAA Security Rule

HITECH Breach

Cybersecurity  
Fundamentals

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