

# U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

## Health Information Privacy

### The Privacy Rule

The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' medical health information and applies to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and those who conduct certain health care transactions electronically. The Rule requires appropriate privacy of personal health information, and sets limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures of such information without patient authorization. The Rule also gives patients the right to examine and obtain a copy of their health records, and to request

records and other personal health care providers that take safeguards to protect the information and disclosures that may be made over their health information, and to request corrections.



The Privacy Rule is located at 45 CFR [Part 160](#) and Subparts A and E of [Part 164](#).

[Click here to view the combined regulation text](#) of all HIPAA Administrative Simplification Regulations found at 45 CFR 160, 162, and 164.

### Privacy Rule History

August 14, 2002 - [Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy Rule – Final Rule](#) ( PDF)

March 27, 2002 - [Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy Rule – Proposed Rule](#) ( PDF)

February 28, 2001 - [Request for Comments on December 28, 2000, Final HIPAA Privacy Rule](#) ( PDF)

February 26, 2001 - [Correction of Effective and Compliance Dates of the Final HIPAA Privacy Rule](#) ( PDF)

December 29, 2000 - [Technical Corrections to the Final HIPAA Privacy Rule](#) ( PDF)

December 28, 2000 - [HIPAA Privacy Rule – Final Rule](#) ( PDF)

November 3, 1999 - [HIPAA Privacy Rule – Proposed Rule](#) ( PDF)



[Learn about the Rulemaking History of the HIPAA Enforcement Rule](#), 45 CFR Part 160, Subparts C, D, and E.

### Other Privacy Rule Notices