Health Information Privacy

Understanding HIPAA Privacy

The Privacy Rule provides federal protections for personal health information held by covered entities and gives patients an array of rights with respect to that information. At the same time, the Privacy Rule is balanced so that it permits the disclosure of personal health information needed for patient care and other important purposes.

For Consumers

Learn more about the rights and protections provided by the Privacy Rule.

For Covered Entities

Learn more about which entities must comply with the Privacy Rule, the Privacy Rule's requirements, and guidance available to help covered entities implement and maintain compliance with these requirements.

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