

HIPAA privacy & security resources

AMA-developed resources walk physicians through what is needed to comply with the required HIPAA privacy and security rules. The step-by-step guidance helps practices understand these rules and participate in a formal HIPAA compliance plan designed to ensure all the requirements are met.

Subjects included are:

- Understanding the basics
- Knowing compliance requirements
- Prioritizing compliance activities
- Making notice of privacy practices meaningful
- Understanding the Breach Notification Rule
- Evaluating business associates
- Understanding the HIPAA Security Rule
- Knowing patients' rights
- Limiting disclosures of PHI to the minimum necessary
- Being aware of significant penalties
- Looking to the AMA and website resources for updates
- Resources to help bolster your practice's cybersecurity

AMA developed resources

- Patient Access Playbook
- AMA Education Center: The Nuts and Bolts of Achieving HIPAA Security Rule Compliance through Effective Risk Assessment
- HIPAA privacy and security toolkit: helping your practice meet compliance requirements (PDF)
- What you need to know about the HIPAA breach notification rule (PDF)
- HIPAA Security Rule: FAQs regarding encryption of personal health information (PDF)
- HIPAA notice of privacy practices—Sample notice (DOCX)
- HIPAA privacy rights request form—Sample request for confidential communications regarding information (DOC)
- HIPAA business associate agreement—Sample notice (DOCX)
- AMA cybersecurity resources



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