

HHS has issued new guidance and new enforcement settlements, which provide extensive insights into what is and what is not the permissible behavior by a HIPAA-covered entity.

HIPAA compliance was never easy, and is getting even more complicated. Though HIPAA rules have been around for a long time, many organizations are only now ensuring that they have done all that is necessary for compliance. Putting off compliance carries huge risks since there are fines for willful neglect of compliance (including ignorance of the rules) that begin at \$50,000 for serious infractions.

With the implementation of new HIPAA regulations coupled with increased enforcement and audit activity, healthcare organizations need to seriously review their compliance and also make sure they have the proper procedures, policies, and forms in place. HIPAA Privacy Officers have a crucial role to play by renewing their compliance activities and reviewing documentation to ensure that they can meet the challenges of the new rules, and avoid penalties and breaches for compliance violations.

Join us for this 60-minute **On Demand Webinar** “[Duties of the HIPAA Privacy Officer — Ensuring and Documenting HIPAA Compliance](#)” with compliance expert **Jim Sheldon-Dean** on **Thu, Mar 23, 2017** (*Available all day*) to get an intensive training in HIPAA Privacy Rule compliance. Learn what is new in the regulations and what requires to change and to be addressed for compliance by covered entities and business associates. Get a deeper understanding of enforcement and audits, and how privacy regulations are related to security and breach regulations. In addition, learn ways to respond to privacy and security breaches, and the ways to prevent them with numerous references and examples.

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Session Highlights:

- Overview of HIPAA Regulations.
- Who is the HIPAA Privacy Officer?
- Responsibilities of the HIPAA Privacy Officer.
- Implementing the New HIPAA Omnibus rules.
- Recent changes to the HIPAA rules.
- HIPAA Privacy rule principles, policies and procedures.
- HIPAA Security and Breach Notification rule principles.
- HIPAA requirements for access and patient preferences, as well as the requirements to protect PHI.
- Documentation, training, drills and self-audits.
- How HIPAA audit and enforcement activities are now being increased and what you need to do to survive a HIPAA audit.
- Recent changes to the rules and the impacts of the changes to your organization.
- What is required to be done to protect PHI?
- Essential activities
 - Documenting procedures and policies
 - Policies and issues training staff and managers should know about

- Compliance readiness through self-audits and drills
- Review of significant, extensive new guidance issued by the HHS Office for Civil Rights on patient access of records.
- New rights of patients under HIPAA and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) to directly access test results from the laboratories creating the data.
- Explanations from HHS about how to treat access to mental health information.
- Individual rights to receive electronic copies of records held electronically, and new rights to access laboratory test results.

Session Snapshots:

- Patients' rights under HIPAA
- HIPAA authorization for release of PHI
- Individual preferences for communication
- Guidance on:
 - General rights of access
 - Requests for access
 - Providing and denying access
 - Right to direct to another person
 - Questions and answers
- Amendment of PHI
- Requests for restrictions
- Notice of Privacy practices
- How the rules work together
- HIPAA Security Rule Fundamentals: Flexibility and analysis
- Info Security Management Process
- Calculating/ evaluating risk
- Risk management planning
- Mobile devices, texting, e-mail, and risk analysis
- Preventing and e-mail and texting issues
- Policy on using insecure communications with patients
- Training requirements
- Enforcement lesson learned

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