

HIPAA

HIPAA is the acronym for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). HIPAA set national standards for protection of personal health information (PHI), and limits the use or disclosure of that information without specific patient authorization.

The objectives of HIPAA are:

- Health Insurance Reform- protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs.
- Administrative Simplification-establishes national standards for electronic health care transactions covering:
 1. Privacy
 2. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Standards
 3. Unique Health Identifiers
 4. Code Sets
 5. Security Standards for Health Information