

Health Information Privacy

[Office for Civil Rights](#)[Civil Rights](#)[Health Information Privacy](#)[Health Information Privacy](#)

Health Information Privacy

The Office for Civil Rights enforces the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which protects the privacy of individually identifiable health information; the HIPAA Security Rule, which sets national standards for the security of electronic protected health information; and the confidentiality provisions of the Patient Safety Rule, which protect identifiable information being used to analyze patient safety events and improve patient safety.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules

[Learn about](#) the Rules' protection of individually identifiable health information, the rights granted to individuals, OCR's enforcement activities, and how to file a complaint with OCR.



The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (PSQIA) Patient Safety Rule

[Learn about](#) the Patient Safety Rule's protection of confidential patient safety work product, the permitted disclosures of patient safety work product, OCR's enforcement activities, and how to file a complaint with OCR.



Learn More About

- > [HIPAA Enforcement Training for State Attorneys General](#)
- > [Register today!](#)
- > [Conference on Safeguarding Health Information: Building Assurance through HIPAA Security](#)

OCR Privacy & Security Listservs

Sign up for the [OCR Privacy & Security Listservs](#)

Press Releases

- > [Mass General Hospital Settles Potential HIPAA Violations](#)
- > [Press Release - 2/24/11](#)
- > [HHS Imposes a \\$4.3M Civil Money Penalty for HIPAA Violations](#)
- > [Press Release - 2/22/11](#)

Breach Notification Regulations

[Learn more about the](#)

HIPAA

[Understanding HIPAA Privacy](#)[HIPAA Administrative Simplification Statute and Rules](#)[Enforcement Activities & Results](#)[How to File a Complaint](#)[News Archive](#)[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

PSQIA

[Understanding PSQIA Confidentiality](#)

PSQIA Statute & Rule

[Enforcement Activities & Results](#)[How to File a Complaint](#)