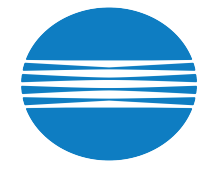


HIPAA | Covered Entity

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Covered Entity | Definition

- Covered Entities must ensure security measures protect ePHI in a changing environment.
- Health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, and healthcare providers must comply with HIPAA standards because they transmit health information in electronic form in connection with HIPAA covered transactions.

Confidentiality ePHI is not available or disclosed to unauthorized persons or processes.

Covered Entity | Fast Facts

- Covered Entities are required to obtain satisfactory assurances that business associates will manage and monitor a credible HIPAA program.
- If a covered entity engages a business associate to help carry out its health care activities and functions, the covered entity must have a written business associate contract or other arrangement with the business associate that:
 - ❖ Establishes specifically what the business associate has been engaged to do.
 - ❖ Requires the business associate to comply with HIPAA.

Covered Entity | Examples

A Health Care Provider	A Health Plan	A Health Care Clearinghouse
Any provider of medical or other health care services or supplies who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction for which HHS has adopted a standard, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Doctors➤ Dentists➤ Clinics➤ Chiropractors➤ Nursing homes➤ Pharmacies➤ Psychologists	Any individual or group plan that provides or pays the cost of health care, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Company health plans➤ Health insurance companies➤ Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)➤ Government programs that pay for health care, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the military and veterans' health care programs	A public or private entity that processes another entity's health care transactions from a standard format to a non-standard format, or vice versa, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Billing services➤ Community health management information systems➤ Repricing companies➤ Value-added networks

Protected Health Information (PHI)

- HIPAA protects PHI held or transmitted by a covered entity or its business associate, in any form, whether electronic, paper, or verbal.
- PHI includes information that relates to all of the following:
 - ❖ The individual's past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition
 - ❖ The provision of health care to the individual
 - ❖ The past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual.
- PHI includes many common identifiers, such as name, address, birth date, and Social Security number.

Whom Does HIPAA Impact?



Payers



Providers



Clearinghouses

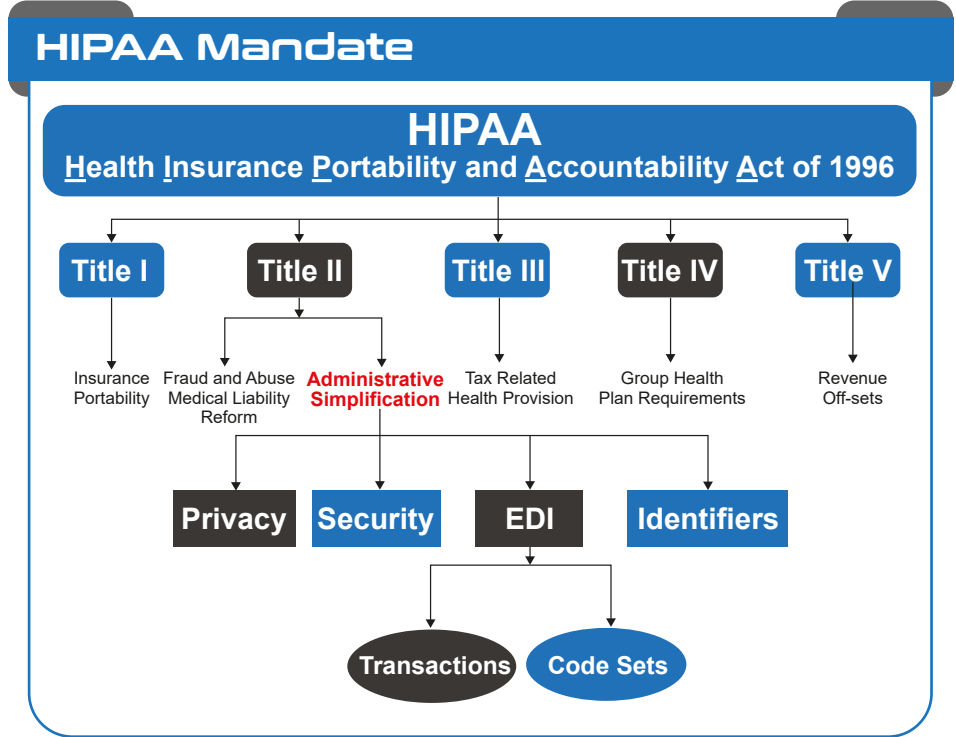
Integrity ePHI is not altered or destroyed in an unauthorized manner.

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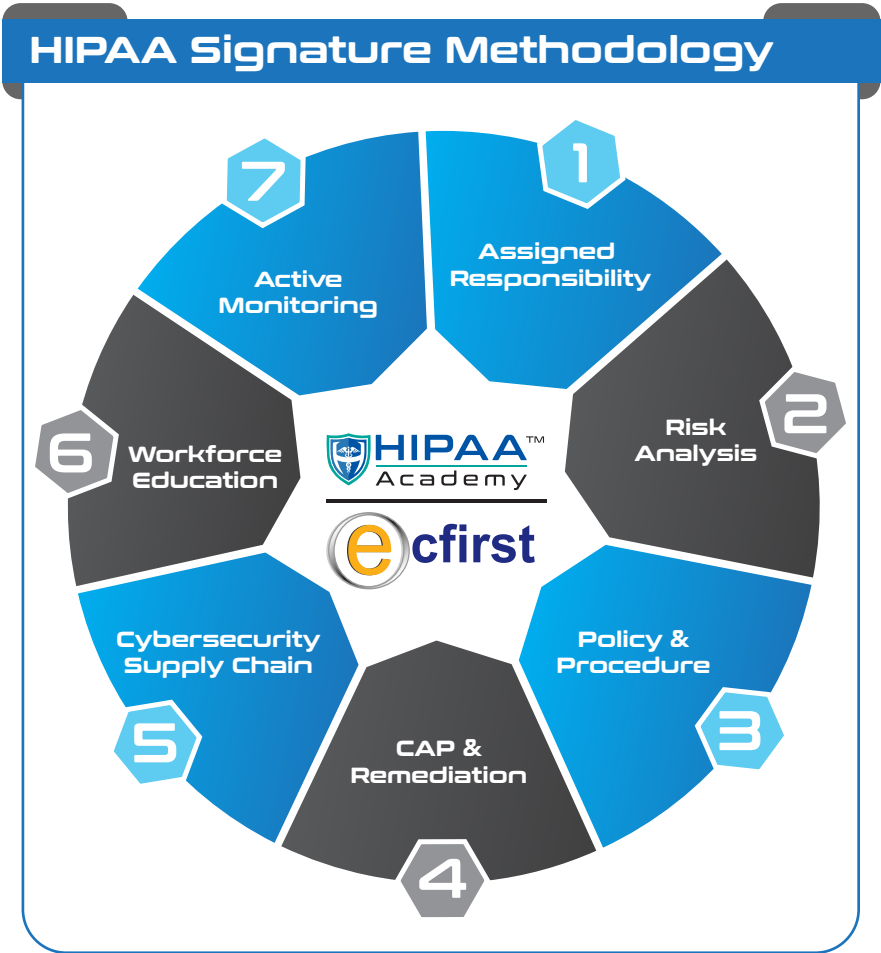


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HIPAA Final Rule

Makes business associates and their subcontractors of covered entities directly liable for compliance with certain requirements of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules.



Availability ePHI is accessible and usable on demand by authorized persons.

Using and Disclosing PHI

Use	Disclosure
• Sharing	• Release
• Employing	• Transfer
• Applying	• Provision of access to
• Utilizing	• Divulging in any manner
• Examining	• Information disclosed when transmitted outside organizations
• Analyzing	
• Information used when moved inside organization	

- ### Covered Actions
- Unauthorized **disclosure** outside covered entity.
 - Unauthorized **use** within covered entity.
 - Unauthorized **access** within covered entity.