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The HIPAA Privacy Rule

The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' personally identifiable health information (collectively defined as "protected health information" (PHI)). The Rule applies to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and those health care providers who transmit any PHI electronically. The Rule requires appropriate safeguards to protect PHI and sets limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures of such information without an individual's authorization. The Rule also gives individuals the right to access their PHI, including the right to examine and obtain a copy of their PHI. The Rule also gives individuals the right to request a covered entity to transmit to a third party an electronic copy of their PHI, and to request corrections.

The Privacy Rule is located at 45 CFR [Part 160](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_07/45cfr160_07.html) and E of [Part 164](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_07/45cfr164_07.html).

[Click here to view the combined regulation text](#) found at 45 CFR 160, 162, and 164. The HIPAA Administrative Simplification Regulations found at 45 CFR 160, 162, and 164. The Privacy Rule History

- March 10, 2021 - [Extension of Comment Period for Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy Rule and Remove Barriers to, Coordinated Care and Individual Engagement – Privacy](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-03-10/pdf/2021-05021.pdf)