



## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Office for Civil Rights**

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### **HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy: Resources for Stakeholders and HIPAA Covered Entities or Business Associates.**

At the HHS Office for Civil Rights, we believe patient privacy is essential to ensuring high quality reproductive health care. HHS OCR is encouraging HIPAA covered entities and business associates to begin implementing the new HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy to help protect patient privacy and ensure compliance later this year. To aid in this, we have [compiled resources](#) for both community members and HIPAA Covered Entities or Business Associates.

- For resources to help communicate with stakeholders and community members click [here](#).
- For a fact sheet summary of the rule click [here](#) ([en español](#)).
- To hear directly about the rule from Director Melanie Fontes Rainer click [here](#) ([en español](#)).
- To view a recorded briefing by Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity Timothy Noonan click [here](#).
- For a model attestation for a requested use or disclosure of protected health information potentially related to reproductive health care click [here](#).

The effective date of the Final Rule was June 25, 2024. This is the date that HIPAA covered entities and their business associates may begin implementing the new requirements. Covered entities and business associates are not required to comply with the new requirements until December 23, 2024, except for the new changes to the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices which has a compliance date of February 16, 2026.

If you believe that your (or someone else's) health information privacy rights or other Privacy, Security, or Breach Notification rules have been violated, you may file a complaint with the HHS Office for Civil Rights at: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/filing-a-complaint/index.html>