

HIPAA Cheat Sheet

HIPAA Stands For:

- Health
- Information
- Portability and
- Privacy
- Act

HIPAA Summary:

- HIPAA is a law that regulates health information.
- The key concern for healthcare providers is the "privacy" part.
- The HIPAA Privacy Rule makes healthcare organizations guard "Protected Health Information" (PHI).
- In a nutshell, that means stopping unauthorized access to any "identifiable" patient health info.

Who Must Obey HIPAA?

All healthcare providers, health plans, clearinghouses, and business associates must follow HIPAA.

What Info is Protected?

PHI includes any medical record or payment info that's "individually identifiable." That means anything with even one small health fact and a patient name, email address, or other piece of identifying data.