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Law & Policy Insights



With the Passage of Its Compliance Date, the HIPAA Final Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy Faces Challenges in the Courts

The privacy of sensitive reproductive health data remains precarious despite the HIPAA Final Rule to Support Reproductive Health Care Privacy, which went into effect in June 2024. Much remains to be seen in the coming months as lawsuits proceed and federal policies shift with a change in administration.



AI, Reproductive Health Data Among Key Issues for Data Privacy Officers Peer Group: 2024 Year in Review

The Network's Privacy Officer Peer Group convenes privacy officers from public health agencies to provide peer support and share resources. Each year, the Network hosts quarterly Peer Group Learning Sessions on topics relevant to the work of privacy officers in public health. The four sessions held in 2024 addressed

a range of issues relevant to privacy officers and provided opportunities for group discussion.

Resources



State and Local Efforts to Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis – Western Region Update

This Issue Brief, part of a series of analyses looking at resolutions declaring racism a public health crisis in each region of the country, summarizes resolutions in the western U.S. states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

Recent Webinar Recordings



Potential Changes in Federal Cannabis Policy and the Anticipated Public Health Impacts

This webinar, held December 12, 2024, discussed two significant areas of federal cannabis policy with critical public health implications: the rescheduling of cannabis and the regulation of intoxicating hemp-derived products. [View the webinar recording.](#)

Announcements

Privacy Officer Peer Group Learning Session: CoE-PHI Training Packages to Understand and Apply 42 CFR Part 1

Wednesday, March 12 | 2 - 3pm CT

Join the Network for a presentation from the [Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information \(CoE-PHI\)](#) who will provide a brief overview of their set of three updated training packages that can be used to train organizational staff on understanding and applying federal health privacy laws that apply to substance use treatment information. Join the [State and/or Local Privacy Officer Peer Group](#) to receive an invitation to the Peer Group Learning Session.

Worth Sharing

Drug Induced Homicide Laws

This dataset from the Center for Public Health Law Research examines federal and state statutes that authorize the prosecution of drug-related deaths as criminal killings. Often referred to as drug

induced homicide laws, these laws establish criminal liability for individuals who furnish or deliver controlled substances to another individual who dies as a result.

Job Opportunities

Director, Health Equity - Remote

The Network is seeking a Director to oversee its Health Equity Team, which is committed to advancing health and social justice in communities by using law and policy to improve health outcomes for traditionally under-resourced communities and populations. The Health Equity Director will oversee and manage the team's day to day operations, strategic planning, outreach efforts, capacity building, legal technical assistance, trainings and presentations, and resource development activities.

Tell Us What You're Working On. We're Ready to Help.

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.



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