



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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This is Not What Ownership Means

A huge battle is taking place out of sight in Washington, D.C. A proposed federal rule would let patients access their electronic medical records at no cost. Those who hold your medical records, like hospitals, electronic health record companies, the Big Tech industry and others would have to open the data to any app you want to use. The industry says this will harm privacy but they just want to keep the data to themselves and not let you or your apps share it with others.

Federal officials say they “will not rest until patients enjoy full ownership of their data,” but this is false. The only way you own your data is when you control it. HIPAA ended that control. Federal officials now want to force those who have your data to share it with you; but unfortunately, they’re not yet planning to give you control over how others share and use it.

“Verma takes a shot at Epic for using privacy concerns to ‘hold patient data hostage,’” Heather Landi, FierceHealthcare, January 29, 2020:

<https://bit.ly/3byqCIF>

“Industry Cheers Spirit But Not Fine Print in HHS Interoperability Rules,”

Rebecca Pifer, Healthcare Dive Updated June 5, 2019: <https://bit.ly/2SJbbyo>

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