



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## **Trump Administration Should Go Farther on HIPAA**

The Office for Civil Rights says it will follow federal law on HIPAA violations, instead of the Obama administration's rule. The law allows annual penalties of \$1.5 million solely for willful violations that go uncorrected. But the Obama administration issued annual penalties of \$1.5 million for every level of violation, even if the violator didn't know it happened.

This decision is the right thing to do, but the Office should go further. HIPAA's permissive sharing violates everyone's privacy all year long. The Trump administration should restore patient consent requirements. They have the power to do this and we've sent a letter asking them to act.

**“Notification of Enforcement Discretion Regarding HIPAA Civil Money Penalties,”** Office of the Secretary of HHS, April 30, 2019:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-04-30/pdf/2019-08530.pdf>

**CCHF Letter to Secretary Alex M. Azar**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, February 12, 2019: <https://www.cchffreedom.org/cchf.php/1502>

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