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Tell Congress to Keep Private Data Private

If you’ve listened to this program over the years, you know HIPAA does not protect privacy. It does the opposite, leaving patients vulnerable to profiling, research, and outside controls on medical treatment.

But one group of patients still has privacy rights—those who are being treated for substance abuse. Their data cannot be shared without their consent. But now Congress is trying to repeal these consent requirements to allow broad sharing of this private information. The Senate has passed the bill and a House hearing was held last week. Tell Congress to protect consent rights and to keep private data private. Instead of repealing consent for these patients, they should restore consent rights to all patients.

“Enhanced Privacy for Substance Abuse Patients Under Debate Again in Congress,” Susannah Luthi, Modern Healthcare, March 22, 2018:
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