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The HIPAA Privacy Rule Part 1

Today is the first of a five day series on HIPAA, the so-called privacy rule, or as I like to call it, the “no-privacy” Rule. So let’s start with the history. In 1996, Congress enacted the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Republicans signed on because it offered Medical Savings Accounts, albeit, a limited number of them.

This 167-page law set up the foundation for national health care. Title II, Part C titled Administrative Simplification, seems innocuous on its face. But it requires adoption of all sorts of national standards to implement electronic medical records. Tune in tomorrow for Part II of this series on HIPAA.