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The HIPAA Privacy Rule Part 3

Today is part three of a five-day series on HIPAA, the “no-privacy” Rule. In 1999, after Congress failed to enact a privacy law, HHS proposed a privacy rule to eliminate privacy. It opened the medical record widely including to government for so-called “National Priority Purposes.” The unhappy public submitted more than 52,000 comments, most asking for consent.

In 2000, the Clinton administration restored consent requirements but only for data-sharing about payment, treatment and health care operations. Then in 2002, the Bush administration, bowing to industry, eliminated consent requirements entirely -- unless a stronger state law required it. Tune in tomorrow for part four.


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