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Comment Today to Protect Mental Health Privacy

There is one major exception to HIPAA’s no-privacy rule. HIPAA does require written consent for access to substance abuse and mental health records.

But the American Hospital Association wants those patient consent requirements eliminated and has asked the federal government in public comments to do so. They say, “written consent to share healthcare information is a significant burden” for health care providers. They also want Congress to forbid state legislators from passing state laws that actually protect your privacy.

You have until 5:00 p.m. eastern time today to tell the government to protect consent for this highly sensitive data. To comment go to cchfreedom.org and click on this radio minute. That’s cchfreedom.org


“Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records, Proposed Rule”, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Register, February 9, 2016. (To send a comment to federal government, CLICK this link, then click on green “Submit a Formal Comment” box – do it before 5:00 p.m. EDT TODAY)

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