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Lobbyist Says It's Not Your Data

Last week a health plan lobbyist made a Hillary Rosen-like comment – the kind that shows what they really think but rarely reveal in the public. After the lobbyist testified before the health care committee, one of the legislators made a comment about patients owning their own medical records data.

But the lobbyist counteracted, saying, I don’t believe medical data belongs to the patient. This was a shocking statement. But it is exactly what the industry believes and it’s all because of HIPAA. Before HIPAA, doctors, hospitals and insurers could not share your medical data without your consent. But under HIPAA, 2.2 million entities now have access without your consent.

And clearly, they now think your data is theirs.