The HIPAA Privacy Rule Part 4

Welcome to part four of a five-day series on HIPAA, the “no-privacy” Rule. The so-called HIPAA privacy rule took effect August 14, 2003. The rule is permissive. This means that the clinics, doctors, hospitals and health plans that have your private data on file do not have to share it, but they are permitted to share it without your consent.

And that is exactly why and how they have been allowed to put your data into computerized medical records that can be accessed broadly and shared widely without your consent. HHS says that under HIPAA, 600,000 entities -- 600,000 entities -- have access to your records without your consent. But it doesn’t end there. Tune in tomorrow for Part 5 of this HIPAA series.


“Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information; Proposed Rule,” HHS, March 27, 2002.

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