The HIPAA Privacy Rule Part 2

Today is part two of a five-day series on HIPAA, the “no-privacy” Rule. The 1996 law required creation of national standards for electronic medical records. This set up the intrusive foundation of national health care.

In the 1996 HIPAA law, Congress required every citizen to be issued a unique patient ID, and required the Secretary of HHS to make privacy recommendations within one year. And then, if Congress failed to pass a privacy law within three years, the Department was required to write a privacy rule. Congress could not agree on a privacy law, so in November of 1999, HHS proposed a rule that eliminated privacy. Tune in tomorrow for Part III.


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