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The HIPAA No Privacy Rule

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase president of Citizens' Council on Health Care.

Privacy is so important to freedom that it's in the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Government is not allowed to search or seize your persons, houses, papers or effects. That includes your medical records.

So how come government now has full access to your private medical records? It’s because of HIPAA, the so-called privacy rule.

A group made of government agencies, insurers, the data industry and others got a federal law passed in 1996 with the help of Ted Kennedy and Republican Nancy Kassenbaum.

Your medical records are now an open book to the government and others under what we call the HIPAA NO PRIVACY Rule. You can’t even sue. HIPAA made the violation of your most personal information legal. Of course, it’s still quite unconstitutional.

More on HIPAA tomorrow. More information at healthfreedomminute.net.