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HIPAA and Medical Privacy

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

This week we’re on the subject of HIPAA and medical privacy. Some of you think medical privacy is a non-issue. There is nothing in your medical records that concerns you. Have you looked?

You might be surprised what a doctor or a nurse has written about you. Indeed, you might be as shocked and angry as some of those who contact CCHC.

Now imagine hundreds or thousands of people able to read what was written. Imagine their assessments about your life, including your behavior, mental health, fitness, or burden on society.

The HIPPA No Privacy Rule gave government, insurance executives, bean counters, and a whole mess of data industries access to your medical records without your consent. The word consent does not even appear in the more than 300 page rule.

More on HIPPA tomorrow. More on medical privacy at healthfreedomminute.net.

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