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HIPAA’s Smoke and Mirrors Threatens Doctors

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

The federal government will soon be conducting random audits of doctor’s offices to check compliance with the so-called HIPAA privacy rule. One consulting firm says most doctors won’t be able to produce the required documents. “A tsunami is coming…,” he says. Not being able to produce the documents is itself a violation.

Clinic staff may also be interviewed to see if the more than 300-page HIPAA rule is being followed. But here’s the funny thing. HIPAA does not protect privacy. It gives 2.2 million entities access to your medical records.

So what’s going on? These inspections are all smoke and mirrors meant to convince you that HIPAA protects privacy. Perhaps they’ll fine a clinic oodles of dollars just to prove it. You’ll know better.

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