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## Will Trump Administration Data Collection Scheme Lead to the End of HIPAA?

The federal Office of Personnel Management (or OPM) has asked 65 insurance companies to send monthly reports of identifiable health data on federal workers. OPM is collecting medical, hospital, medication data, and more on 8.2 million workers.

During the Christmas season, a notice was quietly issued in the Federal Register with public comments accepted through February 10. But only six comments came in. Do federal workers even know?

Under HIPAA, government oversight agencies, like OPM, can access identifiable patient data, but whether they can warehouse it, as the Trump administration is doing, or collect it on every Federal employee is in question. Is it possible that this privacy intrusion will help end HIPAA once and for all?

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