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# Privacy & Your Health Information

Most of us feel that our health and medical information is private and should be protected. Now Federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act(HIPAA), sets rules and limits on who can look at and receive your health information.

## Who Must Follow This Law?

- Most doctors, nurses, pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes & other health care providers
- Health insurance companies, HMOs & most employer group health plans
- Certain government programs that pay for health care, such as Medicare & Medicaid

## What Information Is Protected?

- Data your doctors, nurses and other health care providers put in your medical record
- Conversations your doctor has about your care or treatment with nurses and others
- Billing information about you at your clinic

## Providers & Health Insurers Who Are Required To Follow This Law Must Comply With Your Right To:

- Review and obtain a copy of your health records
- Receive notification regarding how your health information may be used and shared
- Decide if you want to give permission before your health information can be shared for certain purposes such as marketing
- Get a report on when & why your health information was shared for certain purposes

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