



eHealth: Where Are We Now? University of Texas CLE

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Presentation Topics:

- Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Business Associates
- Mobile Health Apps
- Telemedicine
- Wearables

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Overview: What Is HIPAA?

- ❑ Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act, 1996 as amended
- ❑ Federal Law
- ❑ Establishes Rules for protecting an individual's health information
- ❑ Sets Privacy and Security Requirements
- ❑ Requires Notification in case of a Breach
- ❑ Applies to Covered Entities, Business Associates and Subcontractors

What Information Is Regulated Under HIPAA?

- PHI: Protected Health Information
 - PHI is individually identifiable health information that is maintained or transmitted in any form, whether electronic or not, that relates to (1) a past, present, or future physical or mental health condition; (2) provision of health care; (3) or past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
 - Examples of Protected Health Information (if it is, or can be, connected with an Individual and his or her health care):
 - name
 - address
 - SSN
 - information
 - birth date
 - telephone number
 - medical record information
 - diagnosis codes
 - gender and age
 - dates of service
 - medical history
 - procedure codes
 - health plan policy / claim
 - health status

PHI Exceptions

- Education records covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other certain educational records
- Employment records held by a Covered Entity in its role as employer
- Information regarding a person who has been deceased for more than 50 years
- “De-identified” health information

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