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"TIPS" Newsletter
HIPAA Privacy Series

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Dear Doctor, I was going to start the FAQ's on HIPAA Security this week....BUT...I have been over whelmed with HIPAA concerns and questions from all of you. Let's get serious. You do need to know about HIPAA Privacy and Security and I am happy to answer your questions. I was amazed, however, to find out that not only do most of you not know where your HIPAA Privacy manual is, you do not know that this is a yearly process of compliance. You also do not know that you also have to be HIPAA Security compliant. Even though many of you have once been HIPAA Privacy compliant, most of you have never done anything about HIPAA Security compliance.

Ask yourself these questions:

1. When was the last time you trained your staff on your Office HIPPA Privacy and Security policies and procedures?
2. If you have trained them recently (within the last year), how are you documenting that they know the material?
3. DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE YOUR HIPAA PRIVACY OFFICE MANUAL IS?
4. Do you have a HIPAA Security manual?
5. Do you have privacy and security officials named and trained?
6. Do you know how to handle a breach of your computer systems data?
7. If you were once compliant, do you know how to be up-to-date on your

HIPAA Privacy and Security compliance?

The full HIPAA Privacy and HIPAA Security Compliance Checklists are available on our website. So go through it and see for yourself.

[HIPAA Privacy Checklist](#)

[HIPAA Security Checklist](#)

Medicare and HIPAA Privacy and Security Compliance

Don't let another year go by without becoming compliant with HIPAA Privacy and Security Law. It is the law and it will cost you BIG bucks if you do not do it. HIPAA compliance deadlines were years ago. The following was released by CMS regarding HIPAA Privacy and Security compliance. Please, please, please do not stick your head in the sand any longer. I have already had 2 clients tell me they were asked for their HIPAA Privacy and Security Compliance documentation during a files audit. They will ask you, too.

It is now a requirement to ask for your HIPAA Privacy and Security documentation when going through a FILES AUDIT. See below.

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“Please beware that this is the guidelines for onsite HIPAA Privacy and Security Investigation and Compliance Review. It is now understood that we will probably not have a direct compliance investigation, but when you undergo any type of other files audit etc, you will be asked for this information at the same time.”

Two months after releasing the above statement CMS took it off of their website, however, it is still the in force.

What to expect from Medicare and other insurance companies during a files/records audit:
Sample: [Information Request For Onsite Compliance Reviews](#) : [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

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