

Privacy

Compliance Date: April 14, 2003

Since its initiation in October 2001, the HIPAA Privacy Program has focused on defining policy, educating staff, and providing tools for personnel to ensure that beneficiaries are aware of their privacy rights concerning PHI. We are now in the implementation phase, and will soon complete contract modifications with the MCSCs, train TMA-level staff, and continue to support the MTF Privacy Officers.



Accomplishments

- Issued the DoD Privacy Regulation
- Trained over 300 MTF HIPAA Privacy Officers
- Developed marketing and training materials
- Mailed Notice of Privacy Practices (NoPP) to TRICARE sponsor households
- Deployed web-based training and compliance monitoring tools
- Continuing awareness of HIPAA rule modifications

What's Next?

- CHCS data fields will be used to upload acknowledgement of the NoPP in DEERS
- In-depth tool training, and focused audience and topic briefs
- Compliance monitoring metrics
- Shared database policies and procedures
- Continuous monitoring of industry best practices
- Feedback from all MHS personnel

Transactions & Code Sets

Compliance Date: October 16, 2003

DoD is currently in the implementation phase of compliance with the Transactions & Code Sets Final Rule. Direct care systems Program Offices and the Managed Care Support Contractors are designing and developing the necessary changes to their systems to be able to send and receive HIPAA standard electronic transactions. Testing will begin no later than April 16, 2003.

Accomplishments

- Filed a compliance extension September 12, 2002 on behalf of the MHS and TRICARE, including the MTFs, MCSCs, and their subcontractors
- Identified changes impacting the following direct care systems: CHCS, CHCS II, PDTS, DEERS, TPOCS, CPS-II, EI/DS
- Issued contract modification to MCSCs
- Began system design and development
- Incorporated requirements into T-Nex
- Began education through HIPAA Newsletter on TRICARE HIPAA website
- PDTS already fully compliant with NCPDP 5.1 (as of October 12, 2002)

What's Next?

- HIPAA-compliant eligibility interface between CHCS and New DEERS
- HIPAA data compliant web-based GIQD application for eligibility inquiry/response
- HIPAA data compliant web-based DOES enrollment application
- MTF Billing Offices will see new itemized billing procedures, and collection of new data elements
- Use of HIPAA Provider Taxonomy by CHCS, EI/DS, TPOCS and other systems
- New HIPAA-compliant Referral & Authorization process/system
- Encrypted security for standard electronic transactions

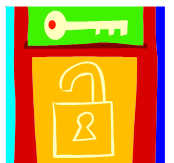
Security

Compliance Date: Spring 2005 (est.)

The HIPAA security requirements are generated by the requirements of the Privacy Rule to safeguard protected health information. The focus of HIPAA security is on the protection of all individually identifiable health information that is maintained, transmitted, or received electronically using standard transaction formats.

Accomplishments

- Services ensured interdisciplinary Medical Information Security Readiness Teams (MISRTs) were appointed in each MTF
- MHS conducted advanced Operationally Critical Threat, Asset, and Vulnerability Evaluationsm (OCTAVEsm) training for MISRTs
 - Trained 421 individuals, including 171 MISRT teams, 9 Headquarter-level entities in 20 Regional Seminars
- Conducted map & gap analysis of DoD and Service policies in light of HIPAA Privacy and proposed Security rule



What's Next?

- MTFs requested to complete their risk assessments that relate to the protection of health information, by April 14, 2003
- MTFs to maintain currency with risk assessments
- Compliance metrics monitoring
- Shared database policies and procedures
- Continuous monitoring of security best practices
- Feedback from all MHS personnel

HIPAA Overview

What is HIPAA?

HIPAA is the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191. Enacted August 21, 1996, to combat waste, fraud and abuse, improve portability of health insurance coverage, and simplify administration of healthcare.

What are the major components of HIPAA Administrative Simplification?

- Transactions & Code Sets (T&CS)
- Privacy
- Security
- Identifiers
 - Employer Identifier Rule
 - National Provider Identifier Rule
 - Health Plan Identifier Rule

Who is Affected?

- Health plans, e.g. TRICARE
- Healthcare clearinghouses, e.g., companies that perform electronic billing on behalf of MTFs
- Providers, e.g., physicians, MTFs, dental clinics, pharmacies
- Business associates, e.g., managed care support contractors

How is TMA helping MTFs comply with HIPAA?

- Funding and coordination of central solutions for electronic transactions
- Training and compliance monitoring modules
- Policy guidance and standardized forms
- Beneficiary communications materials

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