

"Catch HIPAA Violations before Privacy is Compromised"



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Violations of HIPAA regulations are serious. If you have compromised a patient's protected health information, you must follow the guidelines for reporting that violation, depending on the type and scope of the breach.

However, sometimes you can catch the problem before any damage is done. It's a violation, but not a breach—yet. If you rectify the situation quickly and easily, no patient privacy will be compromised. If it does turn out that patient data has been breached, how you responded to the incident will be a part of the analysis of the breach, and will help you if the Office for Civil Rights investigates. "When OCR comes in, they will want to know that you did everything you could to plug the gaps," said Rick Hindmand, a healthcare attorney with McDonald Hopkins in Chicago.

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