

# EXPERT UPDATE



## HHS Releases Updated HIPAA Guide

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Our self-insured clients will find it helpful to review the new guide to HIPAA electronic protected health information requirements, which was released by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The publication goes well beyond a description of the legal requirements. For example, it provides the regulator's current views on operational practices, including information on encryption comports, even though HIPAA does not currently mandate encryption.

Although this guide is geared towards small and mid-sized health care providers, it will be helpful to all covered entities required to comply with HIPAA's privacy, security, and breach notification rules.

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