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## Privacy, Security, and HIPAA

Health information technology promises a number of potential benefits for individuals, health care providers, and the nation's health care system.

It has the ability to advance clinical care, improve population health, and reduce costs. At the same time, this environment also poses new challenges and opportunities for protecting individually identifiable health information.

Federal policies and regulations are in place to help protect patient privacy and guide the nation's adoption of health information technology.



### HIPAA Basics

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is the main Federal law that protects health information.

### Privacy & Security Resources & Tools



### Consumer Rights & Tools

The privacy and security of patient health information is a top priority for patients and their families, health care