

# A Richards-Wilcox Fact Sheet: HIPAA

## What is HIPAA?

It is the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act

- New standards for healthcare delivery
- Protection of confidentiality
- Security of health data

(For more information about HIPAA:

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/>)

<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/admsimp/>

## Who Must Comply?

- All Healthcare Organizations
- Physician Offices
- Dental Offices
- Insurance Providers
- Health Plans

## When?

Patient Privacy Rule compliance is required on April 14, 2003.

## Who Administers HIPAA Enforcement?

The Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has oversight responsibility for HIPAA and would supervise any correction of problems.

## What implication does HIPAA have for Times-2?

While much of the HIPAA compliance pertains to the adoption of standards, storage, and dissemination of electronic data, there are also mandates for the safeguard of physical storage and maintenance of that data and conventional records.

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