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# **The HIPAA in the Room:** *New Developments in HIPAA and Security Laws*

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# Agenda

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1. HIPAA – Changes to the Law
2. BYOD
3. Social Media



# Still Need the Basics

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- Adequate separation between the Plan and HR functions
- Plan Certification
- Plan Document requirements
- Documented Policies and Procedures
- Privacy Officer
- Security Officer
- Training for employees
- Security Risk Analysis
- Business Associate relationships

# HIPAA

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## THEN

- Off the Shelf P & P
- Privacy
- Security

## NOW

- Customized P & P
- Privacy
- Security
- Compliance Audits
- Data Breaches
- Vendor Assessments

# Important Dates - HIPAA

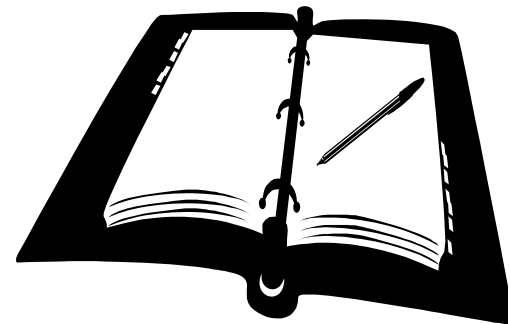
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Effective Date: March 26, 2013

Compliance Date: September 2013

Contracts renewed or amended after March 26, 2013 should have new BA language.

For contracts untouched: September 22, 2014



# Overview of Omnibus Rule Changes

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- Increased tiered monetary penalties & expanded enforcement structure introduced in HITECH
- Business associates directly liable for compliance with most privacy and security rules
- Breach notification change- risk of harm now a risk assessment
- Required changes to NOPP

## Changes (continued)

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- Strengthens limits on Marketing and Sale of PHI
- Expands rights to electronic copies of DRS
- Solidifies right to restrictions on disclosures to Health Plans if treatment has been paid in full
- GINA – limits on genetic information

# Breach Notification

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## September 2009

- Risk of Harm
  - Likelihood of *significant risk* of financial, reputational or other harm
  - Encryption was a big key factor



## January 2013

- Risk Assessment
  - If it can be demonstrated there is a *low probability* the information has been compromised
  - 4 factor assessment in text of Rule
  - Encryption will continue as an important first question



# Agency Relationship

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- CE (The Plan) is liable for the acts or omissions of its BA acting within the scope of "agency"
- BAs are likewise liable for the acts or omissions of its Subcontractor acting within the scope of "agency"
- Federal common law of agency- contract language may not help
- Knowledge by the agent will be imputed to the principal

# Business Associate Agreement Changes

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- Must explicitly state BA will comply with privacy and security regulations
- Include notification of breaches of unsecured PHI
- "Create, receive, maintain or transmit"
- Subcontractor arrangements
- Carry out privacy requirements

# NOPP Changes

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- Right to receive breach notification
- Prohibition on the use of genetic information for underwriting purposes
- Authorization requirements, description of types of uses and disclosures requiring an authorization

# BYOD: Bring Your Own Device

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- What is on your device now?
- Single Biggest Threat to HR Departments today
- Expand this consideration to your entire company
- Control issues

# BYOD: Legal Risks

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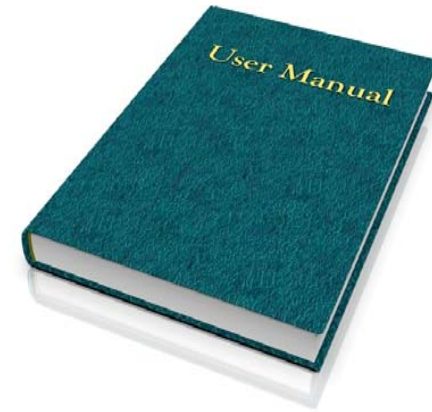
- Privacy
- Security
- Discoverability
- Tax Implications
- End Game (Termination)



# BYOD: User Guidelines & Training

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- Must have User Guidelines in writing
- Train employees
- Registration of devices that require 1+2 above



# BYOD: User Guidelines

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- Scope
- Device Registration
- Corporate Expectations
- Privacy
- Costs



# Social Media

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- Need to have a policy – current employees
- What about prospective employees
- Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter





# Questions??

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