



LEGISLATION UPDATE



HIPAA

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

WHAT IS HIPAA?

Signed into federal law in 1996, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) stipulates that all United States healthcare organizations must "maintain reasonable and appropriate, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent intentional or unintentional use or disclosure of protected health information (PHI)."

PHI includes all patient medical records, such as: patient histories, logs, notes, forms, billing and insurance information, and any other records that contain personal information.

WHO DOES HIPAA AFFECT?

Regardless of size, all healthcare providers in the United States must have documented policies defining reasonable measures that are being taken to protect PHI and ensure the organization is protecting against unauthorized access to personal information. This includes all organizations or individuals who retain and/or collect health-related information, such as: hospitals, medical centers, insurance companies,

billing centers, collection agencies, doctors, dentists, chiropractors, psychiatrists, psychologists and any other institutions or individuals responsible for personal health-related information.

PROSHRED®: A PARTNER IN COMPLIANCE

Casually discarding PHI in the trash or recycling system is simply no longer a reasonable option for the healthcare industry. **PROSHRED®** service provides the most secure, convenient, economical and environmentally conscious solution for helping organizations comply with HIPAA regulations.

Chain of custody issues stop with us as we shred everything right on your premises. We provide our customers with a Certificate of Destruction and the option to watch their confidential information be destroyed into tiny pieces that can never be reconstructed.

We eliminate the need for employees to spend valuable time using in-office shredders and ensure the highest level of security for confidential material disposal.