

HIPAA Acronyms

BA Business Associate

Generally a person or entity who

- On behalf of AHS, performs or assists in the performance of functions or activities involving the use or disclosure of individually identifiable health information (e.g. claims processing or administration, data analysis, processing or administration, utilization review, quality assurance, billing, benefit management, practice management and re-pricing).
- To or for AHS, provides legal, actuarial, accounting, consulting, data aggregation, management, administrative, accreditation, or financial services, where the service involves the disclosure of Health Information from AHS (or a third party at the direction of AHS) to the business associate.

BAA Business Associate Agreement

A written agreement that AHS obtains from a contractor/grantee in which the contractor/grantee agrees that it will appropriately safeguard health information that it receives from AHS (or a third party at the direction of AHS) or creates for AHS and use it only for authorized purposes.

- A Business Associate Agreement is not needed for disclosures to a health care provider for treatment purposes.

CE Covered Entity

- Health care clearinghouse or organization that facilitates the processing of health information such as transcription or billing services.
- A health care provider such as a physician, dentist, pharmacist, or hospital when it provides health care and electronically transfers patient information.
- A health plan, organization or individual that pays for or authorizes payment for health care, such as Medicare and Medicaid programs, insurance companies and health management organizations.

NPP Notice of Privacy Practices

A document that tells an individual whom AHS serves:

- how AHS or a specific program of AHS may use or disclose their health information,
- what rights they have regarding their health information, and
- how they can complain if they believe AHS or a specific program has violated these rights.

PHI Protected Health Information

Any information, whether oral or recorded and whether transmitted or maintained in any form or medium, that:

1. is created or received by AHS or its contractors/grantees;
2. relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and
3. identifies the individual, or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.
 - Health Information includes demographic information collected from an individual.
 - This course uses the term "health information" to refer to what HIPAA calls "Protected Health Information" or "PHI."