

HHS Proposed HIPAA Changes: 7 Things to Know

“On December 10, 2020, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced proposed changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule to support individuals’ engagement in their care, remove barriers to coordinated care, and reduce regulatory burdens on the health care industry,” writes Jennifer Guerrero in *Buchalter’s Publications*.

“Several of the proposals modify provisions related to individuals’ right of access to protected health information (“PHI”), including strengthening individuals’ rights to inspect their PHI in person (e.g., allowing individuals to take notes or use other personal resources to view and capture images of their PHI). Another change shortens covered entities’ required response time to no later than 15 calendar days (from the current 30 days) with the opportunity for an extension of no more than 15 calendar days (from the current 30-day extension).”

Read the article for other notable proposed changes.

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