HIPAATraining.net Releases Updated HIPAA Security Policies & Procedures Template Suite

Expanded 2026 template suite helps healthcare organizations strengthen cybersecurity documentation, HIPAA compliance programs, & ePHI safeguards.



HIPAA Training

PROSPER, TX, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- HIPAATraining.net, a leading provider of HIPAA compliance training, certification, consulting resources, and implementation tools, today announced the release of its updated HIPAA Security Policies and Procedures Template Suite.

The updated package includes 85 editable Microsoft Word templates and one supporting Microsoft Excel workbook. The suite covers administrative, physical, and technical safeguards, implementation procedures, compliance checklists, audit support materials, operational documentation, and security standards designed to help organizations protect electronic protected health information (ePHI).

View HIPAA Security Policies Templates List

The expanded 2026 edition has been enhanced to address evolving healthcare cybersecurity challenges, including substance use disorder (SUD) records, artificial intelligence (AI) governance, and organizational readiness for the proposed updates to the HIPAA Security Rule.
Addressing Updated SUD Record Requirements

The template suite includes policies and procedures relevant to protecting the confidentiality and security of substance use disorder (SUD) patient records governed under 42 CFR Part 2.

The 2024 Part 2 Final Rule aligned several SUD confidentiality requirements more closely with the HIPAA Privacy, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules. Among other changes, the rule addressed patient consent, permitted certain redisclosures for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations, established breach notification requirements, and aligned applicable enforcement authorities and penalties with HIPAA.

The Final Rule became effective on April 16, 2024, and regulated organizations were required to comply by February 16, 2026. The Office for Civil Rights now administers and enforces Part 2 requirements. Organizations that create, receive, maintain, or transmit Part 2 records may need to update their policies, access controls, incident response procedures, breach notification processes, workforce responsibilities, and compliance documentation.

Establishing Governance for Artificial Intelligence

The updated suite introduces a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Security and Governance Policy designed to help organizations establish governance and security controls for AI systems that access, process, analyze, store, or transmit electronic protected health information.

The policy addresses topics including:

- AI system approval and governance
- Risk assessments before implementation
- Permitted and prohibited AI use
- Human oversight and accountability
- Vendor security and Business Associate considerations
- Access controls and minimum necessary requirements
- Data validation and AI output monitoring
- Incident reporting and response
- Ongoing AI risk assessments and governance reviews

The AI governance documentation is intended to help organizations apply existing HIPAA obligations to emerging technologies. It does not create or imply a separate HIPAA certification or compliance standard specifically for artificial intelligence. Additionally, the updated templates are intended to reduce documentation time while helping organizations develop consistent, customizable security policies aligned with HIPAA requirements.

Preparing for Proposed HIPAA Security Rule Changes

The updated suite also includes readiness materials related to the HIPAA Security Rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights on December 27, 2024. If finalized, the proposal would represent one of the most significant updates to the HIPAA Security Rule in years by strengthening cybersecurity protections for electronic protected health information.

Proposed requirements include:

- More detailed written documentation
- Technology asset inventories

- Network diagrams and maps
- Multi-factor authentication
- Encryption
- Vulnerability scanning
- Penetration testing
- Network segmentation
- Annual compliance audits
- Incident response planning
- Enhanced contingency planning

The proposed changes have not been finalized. The current HIPAA Security Rule remains in effect while the rulemaking process continues. Organizations should continue complying with existing requirements while evaluating how proposed changes could affect future policies, technologies, staffing, vendor management, contracts, and compliance documentation.

View sample HIPAA Security Policy

The package is designed for a broad range of healthcare organizations, including:
- Physician practices
- Hospitals
- Dental offices
- Behavioral and mental health providers
- Ambulatory surgery centers
- Imaging centers
- Clinical laboratories
- Billing companies
- Telehealth providers
- Health plans

= Business associates
- Managed service providers
- Healthcare consultants
- Technology vendors handling ePHI

Editable and Designed for Organizational Customization

All templates are provided in fully editable Microsoft Word and Excel formats, allowing organizations to customize documentation based on their size, technology environment, workforce structure, services, vendors, risk profile, and regulatory responsibilities.

The templates are intended to serve as a comprehensive starting point. Purchasing or using the templates does not automatically make an organization HIPAA compliant. Each organization remains responsible for conducting an accurate and thorough Security Risk Analysis, implementing appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards, assigning responsibilities, training workforce members, reviewing policies regularly, and maintaining documentation demonstrating compliance.

You can buy the HIPAA Security Policies and Procedures Template Suite immediately for $495

Additional information, sample templates, and ordering details are available at HIPAATraining.net.

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