## **HIPAA Monthly Alert**



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#### **Protected Health Information (PHI):**

The Privacy Rule protects PHI held or transmitted by Liberty or its business associate, in any form, whether electronic, paper, or verbal. PHI includes information that relates to all the following:

- The individual's past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition;
- The provision of health care to the individual;
- The past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual;

PHI includes several identifiers, such as name, address, birth date, and Social Security number.

### **HIPAA Security Rule:**

The HIPAA Security Rule specifies safeguards that Liberty and their business associates must implement to protect ePHI confidentiality, integrity, and availability.

Liberty has developed and implemented reasonable and appropriate security measures through our HIPAA Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to protect the security of ePHI that we create, receive, maintain, or transmit. Liberty's IT Department analyzes the risks to ePHI in its environment and creates solutions appropriate for its situation. Regularly review these HIPAA SOPs on our Employee Self Service.

 $Reference: \underline{https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProd-\underline{ucts/Downloads/HIPAAPrivacyandSecurity.pdf} \\$