

# HIPAA Monthly Alert



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## Liberty Healthcare Corporation

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### HIPAA Update from 2013:

In 2013, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act amended the HIPAA Omnibus Rule, requiring business associates and contractors to comply with the same privacy and security regulations as covered entities. The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is responsible for investigating HIPAA complaints and violations. The Security Rule requires covered entities to maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for protecting ePHI. Specifically, Liberty must:

1. Ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all ePHI they create, receive, maintain, or transmit
2. Identify and protect against reasonably anticipated threats to the security or integrity of the information
3. Protect against reasonably anticipated, impermissible uses or disclosures
4. Ensure compliance by their workforce

### Administrative Safeguards

Administrative safeguards include standard operating procedures, access controls, role permissions, monitoring, and training that create an environment where data protection and privacy are part of regular Liberty operations.

### Physical Safeguards

Physical safeguards include locked rooms, server rooms, secure workstations, and places for PHI disposal that provide a material space where ePHI can be shielded from unauthorized access.

### Technical Safeguards

IT and security teams are tasked with establishing and maintaining technical safeguards for Liberty.

### References:

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/security/laws-regulations/index.html>

<https://www.absolute.com/-/media/Commercial/resources/whitepapers/Absolute-Software---Achieving-HIPAA-Compliance.pdf?la=en>

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