

HIPAA Monthly Alert



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September 23rd, 2013 is D-Day, but why?

The HIPAA Omnibus Rule went into effect and resulted in:

- a.) Increases in penalties and fines
- b.) Equals the burden between business associates (Liberty) and covered entities (our customers)
- c.) Greatly enforces and increases federal funding with an increase in funding for 2020
- d.) More audits in 2020

What is causing these changes for 2020?

- Audits have begun in earnest
- Audits are targeting practices and business associates of all sizes, not just large entities
- Clearinghouses and insurance companies are also at risk
- The federal government is not accepting the same old excuses anymore

Can YOU or I be arrested for wrongful disclosure of protected health Information (PHI)?

YES! SO REINFORCE THIS WITH YOUR STAFF!

Reference: Brian L Tuttle at www.mentorhealth.com;
<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/2061/is-a-covered-entity-responsible-if-it-complies/index.html>

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