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Business Associate Agreement - Not Just Another Document

Did you know there have been \$6 million in HIPAA Fines levied so far this year for lack of Business Associate Agreement (BAA) documents?!

To avoid this type of HIPAA fine, you may need to do some inventory in your practice to be sure you are compliant. There are two main things you need to do:

1. Identify any sub-contractors who work with your PHI. (see description below)
2. Obtain a BAA from the company or individual
(A sample BAA form is available from CMS.gov [HERE](#).)

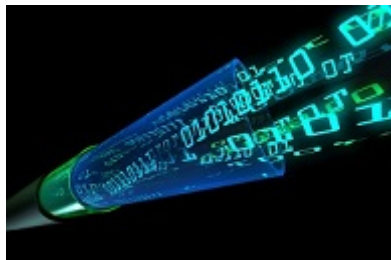
What Is the What?

So, what constitutes a sub-contractor business associate who should provide a BAA to you? A "business associate" is a person or entity, other than a member of the workforce of a covered entity, who performs functions or activities on behalf of, or provides certain services to, a covered entity that involve access by the business associate to protected health information.

A "business associate" also is a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits protected health information on behalf of another business associate.

The Rules

[Click here](#) for HHS' 10 specific rules about BAAs.



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To your success!



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