

PIMSY mental health EHR Newsletter – Jan B 2013 – HIPAA Omnibus Rule

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Give An Hour

Looking for a way to give back? One of our PIMSY EMR clients clued us into the nonprofit organization Give an Hour, which provides free mental health services to U.S. personnel and their families affected by the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In addition to helping enlisted people and their families connect with mental health providers, GAH's website offers resources such as military mental health news, blogs,

newsletter signup, announcements and more. You can even connect with them via Facebook and Twitter.

GAH not only provides free mental health counseling to individuals (including children and adolescents), couples and families, it also "seeks to generate awareness about mental health issues affecting service members and their families."

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2013 HIPAA Omnibus Rule

For On January 17, 2013, the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) released its comprehensive (563 page) "Omnibus Rule", amending the HIPAA Privacy, Security, Breach Notification and Enforcement Rules.

The Omnibus Rule goes into effect on March 26, 2013, and compliance is required with most provisions no later than September 23, 2013. **What does this mean for**

you!?

IF YOU ARE A COVERED ENTITY: Revised Notice of Privacy Practices (NPPs): Covered entities will most likely need to create and distribute a revised notice of privacy practices informing patients/clients of their rights [\(continued...\)](#)



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Is PIMSY Specifically a Mental Health EMR?

[PIMSY](#) offers the best of both worlds in that it was designed as a mental health EMR, and it can be used in a variety of other industries and settings. We currently have clients using PIMSY for speech therapy, methadone dosing, substance abuse day treatment, applied behavioral analysis, nursing homes and in-school child counseling.

This is in addition to a variety of

traditional mental health options, such as senior citizen counseling, animal therapy and veterans' care. While PIMSY was originally created from scratch to meet behavioral EMR standards [\(click here to read more about PIMSY's origins\)](#), it has grown into an incredibly flexible program with customization options that allows it to fit many needs. It can be used in the following fields...

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