

Getting Ahead of the New HIPAA Security Rule: Practical Steps You Can Take Now

A final rule is expected later this spring, and many of its proposed changes would be time-consuming and costly for covered entities and business associates to manage. But implementing some of these practices and controls could help.

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On January 6, 2025, the Biden administration's Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights published a proposed rule that, if enacted, would significantly amend the HIPAA Security Rule.

The final rule is expected, at least for now, in May 2026. The proposed rulemaking purportedly responds to the rise in cyberattacks, expanded use of cloud and mobile technologies, and OCR's repeated findings of inconsistent compliance.

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