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Patient Privacy Rights Congratulates HHS On New Patient Privacy Policy

On July 8th, 2010 Secretary Sebelius signaled a clear policy change in the Obama Administration, strengthening consumer rights to health privacy.

Sec. Sebelius said "it's important to understand that this announcement we are making today is part of an Administration-wide commitment to make sure no one has access to your personal information unless you want them to."

Her remarks came during the announcement of the NPRM, which makes Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Enforcement Rules under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. See:

http://www.ofr.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-16718_PI.pdf

See the video of the press conference at:

http://www.hhs.gov/news/imagelibrary/video/2010-07-08_press.html

Patient Privacy Rights looks forward to helping Secretary Sebelius and the Department of Health and Human Services as they work to build health IT systems that Americans can trust.

About Patient Privacy Rights:

Patient Privacy Rights is the nation's leading health privacy watchdog. Our mission is to ensure the right to control your medical privacy to protect jobs and opportunities. Patient Privacy Rights has over 10,000 members in all 50 states. We lead the trans-partisan Coalition for Patient Privacy representing over 10 million Americans.

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