



HIPAA Collaborative of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Grid

Need help determining what protected health information can be disclosed? Then be sure to check out the law enforcement grid created by HIPAA Collaborative of Wisconsin (HIPAA COW) posted on-line at: <http://www.hipaacow.org/home/PrivacyDocs.aspx> Click on “HIPAA & Wisconsin Law Enforcement PDF Updated 06/20/2005”

The HIPAA COW law enforcement grid is a document that provides a thorough analysis of federal (HIPAA) and Wisconsin regulations addressing the reporting and disclosure of patient protected health information (PHI) by covered entities (healthcare providers, plans, etc.) to law enforcement agencies. The document addresses pertinent topics with comparative analyses of relevant federal and state regulations as well as guidance for reporting and/or disclosing PHI. A table of contents lists the 26 topics to facilitate paging through the 48 page document.

The grid was created as a collaborative effort fostered by HIPAA COW between payers, providers, attorneys, governmental agencies and others with a commitment to providing understanding and guidance of complicated preemption issues. Since publication, the grid has become the definitive document for covered entities and law enforcement agencies in creating organization policies and understanding when and how PHI should be reported and/or disclosed. ■