

What is HIPAA? *Privacy, Security and More*

SNAP™ is fully compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), providing privacy standards to protect patients' personal information & medical records.

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Definition - The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act required the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop regulations protecting the privacy and security of certain health information.

Why is HIPAA important to us?

SNAP™ provides the transmission and storage of ePHI for Covered Entities. Therefore SNAP™ is relevant under the HITECH ACT. It offers a "piece" of meaningful use which will assist providers, therefore, our product and service needs to be HIPAA compliant.

HITECH Act

Definition - The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided certain incentive payments made available to health care providers for the adoption and implementation of interoperable health information technology and qualified Electronic Health Records (EHR).

Under the HITECH Act, two regulations have been released, one of which defines the "meaningful use" objectives that providers must meet to qualify for the incentive payments, and the other which identifies the technical capabilities required for certified EHR technology.

Meaningful Use - Electronically capturing health information in a "structured format" using the information to track key clinical conditions and communicating that information for care coordination purposes, implementing clinical decision support tools to facilitate disease and medication management, and using EHRs to engage patients and families and reporting clinical quality measures and public health information. Definition

Business Associate Agreement - The Business Associate Agreement (BAA) establishes the permitted and required uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information (PHI). Seamless Medical System's BAA is included with the End User License Agreement (EULA).