



HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY
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Re: HVREMAC HIPAA Compliance Policy

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Dear Agency Leader,

It is the responsibility of each EMS agency to ensure that providers under their purview are using electronic media in a HIPAA compliant manner.

Recently examples of EMS providers sharing information in both a clinical and non-clinical setting have been observed in which the media was not managed in a HIPAA compliant manner. Failure to comply with HIPAA guidelines exposes both the individual and the agency to potential civil and criminal liability.

It is of the utmost importance that all EMS providers and agencies be aware of and have written policies in place to mitigate risk in this regard. This includes any protected health information taken via media acquisition (picture/video) or patient care information obtained at the scene of accidents and emergencies.

There are easily obtainable and/or free applications available in the region to mitigate this risk. This is an agency specific responsibility.

Please contact the Hudson Valley REMSCO if you need assistance in addressing this issue with your agency.

Sincerely,

Mark Papish
HVREMSCO Medical Director

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REMAC Chair