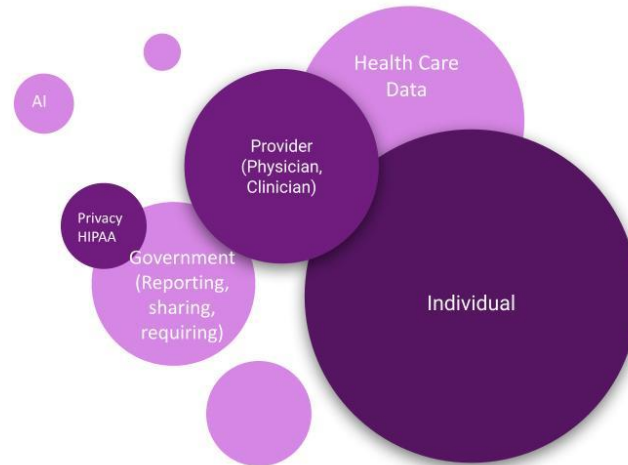


HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE

How do we ensure health care stays between an individual and their provider?



Health Care Liberty and independence is under attack. Healthcare should be a confidential process between a person and their provider. In this digital age, the desire for convenience and using data to improve health outcomes is encroaching on that medical sovereignty and seeks to get in between a person and their provider relationship. Government requires layers of reporting, survey's, data sharing, and the like; some of which the public is aware of, some they are not as aware of, but it is happening at an increasing rate. Your health data is collected whether you consent or not—and supplied to third parties for data mining and AI projects; this includes demographic data, and in some cases DNA information.

Most people are at least somewhat aware of HIPAA. HIPAA is largely regarded as the safety net to control this dynamic from becoming tyrannical. During COVID many attorney's and bureaucrats have been chipping away at HIPAA protections by changing policy positions about what has long been regarded as covered information. We saw this across the board with providers asking people for their COVID vaccine status, or they could not get past providers doors for needed treatment. Imagine if you had to disclose your HIV status or be refused care. We are seeing this with organ transplants now, you must give over your choice of what to put in your body via a mRNA vaccine, or die. How has medical ethics changed in this regard?

Additionally beside the slow erosion of these protections, there is currently a number of privacy in data bills being discussed in Congress right now that will impact people's personal data including health care data. Pay attention to these bills! H.R.8152, H.R. 1165, etc.

For Health Care Liberty, we need to ensure the protections of HIPAA remain, and are strengthened. We need to ensure healthcare data (Personal Health Information or PHI) is

separated from other types of Personal Identifiable Information (PII), and has appropriate safeguards beyond what is considered for PII. An individual's health information should not be mined without consent, nor should it be available, accessible, or shared in any circumstance that is not approved by the individual of for direct care and treatment of the individual.