



Center *for* Rural Health

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What is HIPAA?

A Federal law, known as "HIPAA" (the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) requires health care providers to implement a comprehensive approach to protect the privacy of personal health information (PHI).

HIPAA requires all PHI be kept private and secure by all persons that handle, or have access to, that information. Since many health care program students, faculty, instructors, and staff use PHI as part of the educational process (i.e. students in the clinical setting, use of case studies, etc...), these individuals must be trained on the specifics of HIPAA compliance.

Why go through HIPAA training for students?

In many institutions, students are not allowed to enter the clinical setting as part of their job shadowing/scrubs camp/course work, until this training module has been completed. Therefore, all students that come in contact with PHI as part of the educational process should complete HIPAA training.

Students can complete online HIPAA training, free of charge, through The University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Rural Health. They receive a HIPAA Basic Training Certificate upon completion.

Authorization

The Guardian's signature below authorizes the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health and the ND Area Health Education Centers to maintain and reference the registration information periodically to evaluate the effectiveness of the HIPAA certification. Students participating in the HIPAA Certification may be contacted in the future for evaluation purposes.

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____