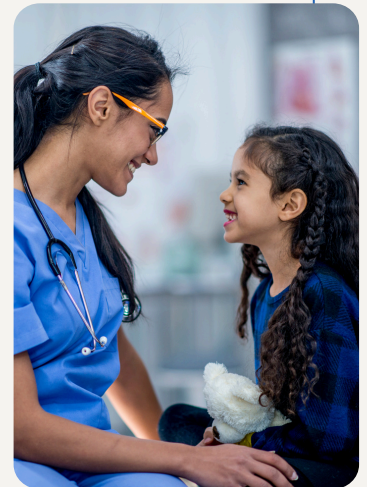


What is HIPAA?




HIPAA – **the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act** – is a federal law that protects patients' health information and governs how it can be shared.

What does it protect?

- Medical records
- Conversations with doctors
- Billing information
- Any Protected Health Information (PHI)



Who must follow HIPAA?

-  Doctors, nurses, hospitals, clinics
-  Insurance companies
-  Business associates (e.g., billing services)



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