



HIPAA COW – A Free HIPAA Resource

WEBSITE OVERVIEW

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Brief Summary about HIPAA Collaborative of Wisconsin (HIPAA COW)

- ✓ HIPAA COW is a not-for-profit charitable organization. The mission of HIPAA COW is to:
 - Assist HIPAA Covered Entities, Business Associates, and other interested parties in implementing HIPAA's Privacy, Security and EDI Standard Transaction provisions, as amended over time.
 - Foster public education about HIPAA.
 - Facilitate and streamline HIPAA Implementation through identification of best practices.
 - Reduce duplicate efforts among entities obligated to comply with HIPAA.
 - Offer opportunities for partnering and collaborating between entities implementing HIPAA.
 - Identify and evaluate new or difficult HIPAA interpretation issues.
- ✓ HIPAA COW is overseen by a Board of Directors and currently has five Networking Groups: Privacy, Security, Risk Management, EDI & Healthcare IT.

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**Navigating the HIPAA COW Website:**

❖ **Pages Across the Top:**

- **Home.** General HIPAA COW information.
- **Events.** HIPAA COW typically has two low-cost conferences and one or two webinars every year. Attendees consider these to be highly valuable educational and networking opportunities. Presentations are posted on the HIPAA COW Events page.
- **Resources.** Provides a myriad of useful HIPAA COW whitepapers, and template policies, procedures, forms, training documents, and resources from other organizations.  
*Important Note:* most HIPAA COW documents have Wisconsin laws reflected in them.
  - *HIPAA COW Documents.* EDI, Privacy, Security, and Risk Management resources.

- EDI
- Privacy & Security
- Risk Toolkit
- *HIPAA Education.* HIPAA education presentations and recordings.
  - HIPAA 101 – Basis “101” information
  - Other – Other helpful presentations.
- *Other HIPAA Links.* Provides links to other known HIPAA-related resources.
- *Wisconsin Links.* Provides links to Wisconsin-based HIPAA, HIE, HIT, and ICD-10 resources.
- *Efforts in Other States.* Provides links to other states’ HIPAA and HIE initiatives
- **Sponsors.** A list of the current year’s sponsors.
- **Networking Groups.** Information on each of our Networking Groups to include meeting times, co-chairs email addresses and who to contact if you’d like to join their member list.
- **About Us.** All about us.

❖ *Down the Right Side:*

- **What’s New:** Postings of hot topics and news.
- **More Information**
  - **Job Board.** A place for organizations to post HIPAA related jobs and for others to view jobs currently posted.
  - **Sponsorship.** Summary of the Sponsorship program.
  - **Exhibitors/Vendors.** Information on opportunities to exhibit at our conferences.
  - **Board of Directors.** Current Board of Directors listing.
  - **Speakers.** Offers contact information if you need a recommendation for a HIPAA speaker.
  - **Annual Report:** A copy of our current Annual Report.

❖ *In the Footer:*

- **Connect with Us:** Links to our Facebook Page and Linked-In Account.
- **Home.** General HIPAA COW information.
- **Disclaimer.** A copy of our Content and Liability Disclaimer.
- **Our Privacy Policy.** Our Privacy Policy.
- **About Us.** All About Us.
- **Contact Us.** Contact form to complete to generate email to Wendy Ellwein, Administrative Support.
- **Live Facebook Feed.**

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