HIPAA COW's mission 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 collaboration between entities implementing HIPAA
- Identify and evaluate new or difficult HIPAA interpretation issues

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How do I sign up to participate in a Networking Group?

To be added to a Networking Group, please contact our office at admin2@hipaacow.org and let us know which Networking Group you're interested in!

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Why should I join a HIPAA COW Networking Group?

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You should join a Networking Group because it offers the following:
- Invaluable networking opportunities with other entities in the State of Wisconsin and other states.
- A forum for sharing ideas, knowledge, and work products, to ultimately reduce duplicate efforts and increase efficiencies in our organizations.
- Opportunities to provide insight on where your organization stands on a particular issue.
- A forum for problem-solving.
- Opportunities to learn from your peers how their organizations are approaching certain issues
- Assistance when you are trying to complete projects at your own organization.
- Participation at a level comfortable for your position, skills and experience.
- Opportunities to identify educational topics for HIPAA COW Conferences and Roundtables.

COVID-19

Who should participate?
- Anyone who is affected by COVID-19

Why should you participate?
- To stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 information
- To bounce ideas off of colleagues and voice your thoughts

What Topics are covered?
- COVID-19

When is the next call?
- Calls are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month and they are usually one hour long.

Healthcare IT

Who should participate?
- IT Executives / Leadership / Management, System Administrators, Network Administrators, Developers, Security Specialists and Database Administrators

Why should you participate?
- You enjoy collaborative discussion that addresses the unique challenges that are associated with technologies in Healthcare.
- You want to better understand how to create HIPAA-compliant solutions.
- You are frustrated by the lack of resources on the Internet for Healthcare-related technologies.
- You enjoy discussing technology!

What Topics are covered?
- Encryption, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), Cloud-based Services, Security, Auditing, Disaster Recovery, Patient/ Member Portals, BYOD (Bring your own Device), Data Integrity, HL7/FIHR, Access Controls, Authentication/Identity Management, Data Loss Protection, Protecting our Healthcare data from Hackers and much, much more!

When is the next call?
- Calls are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month and they are usually one hour long.

Security

Who should participate?
- Providers, Payers, Attorneys, Health Care Consultants, Privacy Officers, Security Officers, Compliance Officers, IT Professionals, and Health Information Management Professionals

Why should you participate?
- It provides an opportunity for information sharing and identification of best practices for implementing the security rules.
- It provides opportunities to participate in the creation of security deliverables (sample policies, procedures, position statements, whitepapers, preemption documents, etc.) and the option to take advantage of those deliverables.
- It establishes a forum for participants to voice concerns and seek assistance in resolving troublesome security issues.

What Topics are covered?
- This group has generated template security policies covering the majority of the security rule and several whitepapers addressing specific security-related topics. In the future, our goal is to give guidance on practical operation implementation of the rules as the security rule is not a one size fits all rule.

When is the next call?
- Calls are scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month and they are usually one hour long.

Risk Management

Who should participate?
- Providers, Payers, Attorneys, Health Care Consultants, Privacy Officers, Security Officers, Compliance Officers, IT Professionals, Health Information Management Professionals, and Risk Managers

Why should you participate?
- It provides an opportunity for information sharing and identification of best practices for implementing the HIPAA regulations in organizations' risk management programs.
- It provides opportunities to participate in the creation of risk management deliverables (sample risk assessment templates and methods to complete risk analyses, risk mitigation methodologies, policies, procedures, position statements, whitepapers, etc.) and the option to take advantage of those deliverables.
- It establishes a forum for participants to voice concerns and seek assistance in resolving troublesome risk management issues.

What Topics are covered?
- This group developed a Risk Analysis & Risk Management Toolkit (Toolkit). The Toolkit provides an example HIPAA Security Risk Assessment and documents to support completing a HIPAA Security Risk Analysis and Risk Mitigation Implementation Plan. Our goal is to continue building this Toolkit and add documents to further assist organizations in their efforts to complete a Risk Analysis and to develop their overall Risk Management strategy

When is the next call?
- Calls are scheduled for the 2nd Friday of each month and they are usually one hour long.

Privacy

Who should participate?
- Providers, Payers, Attorneys, Health Care Consultants, Privacy Officers and Health Information Management Professionals

Why should you participate?
- Quarterly forum group calls provide an opportunity for information sharing and identification of best practices among privacy stakeholders focusing on HIPAA, federal regulations and Wisconsin law. They also establish a forum for participants to voice concerns and seek assistance in resolving troublesome privacy issues.
- Deliverables revision calls offer opportunities to participate in the creation and revision of privacy deliverables (sample policies, procedures, position statements, whitepapers, preemption documents, etc.)

What Topics are covered?
- Preemption, Privacy/Security overlap, Policies and Whitepapers (employee health, occupational health, breach notification, etc.).

When is the next call?
- Discussion calls are being held once a quarter, currently on the 3rd Thursday of the month in February, May, August and November. A variety of individual groups are meeting via phone calls to work on deliverables (policy) revisions on an on-going basis.