



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS (OCR)



HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY COMPLAINT

If you have questions about this form, call OCR (toll-free) at:
1-800-368-1019 (any language) or 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

YOUR FIRST NAME		YOUR LAST NAME	
HOME PHONE ()		WORK PHONE ()	
STREET ADDRESS			CITY
STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS (If available)	

Are you filing this complaint for someone else? Yes No
If Yes, whose health information privacy rights do you believe were violated?

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
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Who (or what agency or organization, e.g., provider, health plan) do you believe violated your (or someone else's) health information privacy rights or committed another violation of the Privacy Rule?

PERSON / AGENCY / ORGANIZATION

STREET ADDRESS		CITY
STATE	ZIP	PHONE ()

When do you believe that the violation of health information privacy rights occurred?
LIST DATE(S)

Describe briefly what happened. How and why do you believe your (or someone else's) health information privacy rights were violated, or the privacy rule otherwise was violated? Please be as specific as possible. (Attach additional pages as needed)

Please sign and date this complaint.

SIGNATURE	DATE
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Filing a complaint with OCR is voluntary. However, without the information requested above, OCR may be unable to proceed with your complaint. We collect this information under authority of the Privacy Rule issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. We will use the information you provide to determine if we have jurisdiction and, if so, how we will process your complaint. Information submitted on this form is treated confidentially and is protected under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. Names or other identifying information about individuals are disclosed when it is necessary for investigation of possible health information privacy violations, for internal systems operations, or for routine uses, which include disclosure of information outside the Department for purposes associated with health information privacy compliance and as permitted by law. It is illegal for a covered entity to intimidate, threaten, coerce, discriminate or retaliate against you for filing this complaint or for taking any other action to enforce your rights under the Privacy Rule. You are not required to use this form. You also may write a letter or submit a complaint electronically with the same information. To submit an electronic complaint, go to our web site at: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacyhowtofile.html . To mail a complaint see reverse page for OCR Regional addresses.

(The remaining information on this form is optional. Failure to answer these voluntary questions will not affect OCR's decision to process your complaint.)

Do you need special accommodations for us to communicate with you about this complaint (check all that apply)?

Braille Large Print Cassette tape Computer diskette Electronic mail TDD

Sign language interpreter (specify language): _____

Foreign language interpreter (specify language): _____ Other: _____

If we cannot reach you directly, is there someone we can contact to help us reach you?

FIRST NAME		LAST NAME	
HOME PHONE ()		WORK PHONE ()	
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS (If available)	

Have you filed your complaint anywhere else? If so, please provide the following. (Attach additional pages as needed.)

PERSON / AGENCY / ORGANIZATION / COURT NAME(S)

DATE(S) FILED	CASE NUMBER(S) (If known)
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To help us better serve the public, please provide the following information for the person you believe had their health information privacy rights violated (you or the person on whose behalf you are filing).

ETHNICITY (select one) Hispanic or Latino	RACE (select one or more) American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Not Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	White	Other (specify): _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN (if other than English) _____ HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS? _____

To mail a complaint, please type or print, and return completed complaint to the OCR Regional Address based on the region where the alleged violation took place.

Region I - CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services JFK Federal Building - Room 1875 Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-1340; (617) 565-1343 (TDD) (617) 565-3809 FAX	Region V - IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 233 N. Michigan Ave. - Suite 240 Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 886-2359; (312) 353-5693 (TDD) (312) 886-1807 FAX	Region IX - AZ, CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, The U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 90 7th Street, Suite 4-100 San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 437-8310; (415) 437-8311 (TDD) (415) 437-8329 FAX
Region II - NJ, NY, PR, VI Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 26 Federal Plaza - Suite 3313 New York, NY 10278 (212) 264-3313; (212) 264-2355 (TDD) (212) 264-3039 FAX	Region VI - AR, LA, NM, OK, TX Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 1301 Young Street - Suite 1169 Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 767-4056; (214) 767-8940 (TDD) (214) 767-0432 FAX	Region X - AK, ID, OR, WA Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 2201 Sixth Avenue - Mail Stop RX-11 Seattle, WA 98121 (206) 615-2290; (206) 615-2296 (TDD) (206) 615-2297 FAX
Region III - DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 150 S. Independence Mall West - Suite 372 Philadelphia, PA 19106-3499 (215) 861-4441; (215) 861-4440 (TDD) (215) 861-4431 FAX	Region VII - IA, KS, MO, NE Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 601 East 12th Street - Room 248 Kansas City, MO 64106 (816) 426-7277; (816) 426-7065 (TDD) (816) 426-3686 FAX	
Region IV - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 61 Forsyth Street, SW. - Suite 3B70 Atlanta, GA 30323 (404) 562-7886; (404) 331-2867 (TDD) (404) 562-7881 FAX	Region VIII - CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY Office for Civil Rights Department of Health & Human Services 1961 Stout Street - Room 1426 Denver, CO 80294 (303) 844-2024; (303) 844-3439 (TDD) (303) 844-2025 FAX	

Burden Statement

Public reporting burden for the collection of information on this complaint form is estimated to average 45 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed and entering and reviewing the information on the completed complaint form. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: HHS/OS Reports Clearance Officer, Office of Information Resources Management, 200 Independence Ave. S.W., Room 531H, Washington, D.C. 20201.