

Current Policy: Topic Selection

As a team, **research** and **identify** a health care policy topic.

**Review** the following choices or obtain approval from your faculty for a different topic. Faculty approval must be obtained at least 3 days in advance of your assignment due date.

* Medicare
* Medicaid
* Health care reform policy [e.g., Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)]
* HIPAA
* HITECH
* Or faculty-approved topic

*Note:* As you consider a topic, review the Week Five assignment requirements to ensure the policy selected can be used to satisfy those requirements.

**Complete** the following chart with research your group has identified for the policy selected. Research information that needs to be identified for the policy is listed on the left. Your group will insert research it has found regarding the prompt on the left. To prevent plagiarism, record all information and research in your own words.

**Policy selected:**

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| **Research Prompt** | **Information your group identified using the policy selected** |
| Year policy was created | The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 was passed as a public law on August 21st, 1996. |
| Identify the various stakeholders involved in the creation of this policy. | The stakeholders that are involved or impacted by HIPAA who is part of providing health services, and all those who are consumers of health services, insurers |
| Select a level of government (federal, state, or local) and discuss the role and function it had in the process of implementing the policy. |  |
| Why was the policy created? | The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability was created in 1996 to protect the patients’ health records. |
| Why is the policy important to health care? | HIPAA is important to protect health information, health care providers and the overall healthcare industry. |
| What stakeholders are impacted by this policy (e.g., health care consumers, medical staff, etc.)? |  |
| In your opinion:  Is the policy effective?  Is it meeting the needs of the population as intended?  How has the effectiveness of the policy been verified? |  |
| Discuss the health and societal issues that had an impact on the development of the health care policy. |  |

### References

**Cite** at least 2 reputable references used to complete the prompts within the chart. Reputable references include trade or industry publications; government or agency websites; scholarly works; your textbook, *Health Policymaking in the United States* (6th ed.); or other sources of similar quality.

**Format** your reference section and references used in your chart according to APA guidelines.

**Submit** your assignment.

References

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. (2013). Summary of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Retrieved from https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/laws-regulations/index.html