

## What is HIPAA?

 **Note:**

To comply with HIPAA, you must sign a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with OnceHub. The standard OnceHub BAA is available for paid accounts that qualify. [Contact us](#) to speak more about a HIPAA-compliant account.

The [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act](#) (HIPAA) is United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.

The act was originally introduced in 1996 to improve transfer of patient data between health insurance providers. Over the years, the legislation expanded to incorporate privacy and security rules that govern transmission of medical data in general.

More recently, the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS) introduced the HITECH Act. This additional legislation, extends the responsibility and liability of Business Associates. For example, rules regarding breach notifications, encryption and fines for non-compliance were introduced.

OnceHub complies with the policies and processes required by (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). [Learn more about OnceHub compliance with HIPAA privacy and security rules](#)

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