

## **A Covered Entity is one of the following:**

**A Health Care Provider**

**A Health Plan**

**A Health Care Clearinghouse**

This includes providers such as:

- Doctors
- Clinics
- Psychologists
- Dentists
- Chiropractors
- Nursing Homes
- Pharmacies

...but only if they transmit any information in an electronic form in connection with a transaction for which HHS has adopted a standard.

This includes:

- Health insurance companies
- HMOs
- Company health plans
- Government programs that pay for health care, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the military and veterans health care programs

This includes entities that process nonstandard health information they receive from another entity into a standard (i.e., standard electronic format or data content), or vice versa.

<http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/covered-entities/index.html>