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Chapter 1 : COPPA - Children's Online Privacy Protection

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April 15, DOI: For example, half of single, sexually active females younger than 18 years surveyed in family planning clinics in Wisconsin reported that they would stop using the clinics if parental notification for prescription contraceptives were mandatory; another one in 10 reported that they would delay or discontinue use of specific services, such as services for STDs. The vast majority of health care professionals who provide care to adolescents are required to comply. Under the HIPAA privacy rule, adolescents who legally are adults aged 18 or older and emancipated minors can exercise the rights of individuals; specific provisions address the protected health information of adolescents who are younger than 18 and not emancipated. In specific circumstances, however, parents may not be the personal representatives of their minor children. Minors Acting as Individuals A minor is considered "the individual" who can exercise rights under the rule in one of three circumstances. The first situation—and the one that is likely to occur most often—is when the minor has the right to consent to health care and has consented, such as when a minor has consented to treatment of an STD under a state minor consent law. The second situation is when the minor may legally receive the care without parental consent, and the minor or another individual or a court has consented to the care, such as when a minor has requested and received court approval to have an abortion without parental consent or notification. The third situation is when a parent has assented to an agreement of confidentiality between the health care provider and the minor, which occurs most often when an adolescent is seen by a physician who knows the family. In each of these circumstances, the parent is not the personal representative of the minor and does not automatically have the right of access to health information specific to the situation, unless the minor requests that the parent act as the personal representative and have access. If a state or other law explicitly permits, but does not require, information to be disclosed to a parent, the rule allows a provider to exercise discretion to disclose or not. Although some comments on the proposed rule suggested that this decision should be made by the treating provider, the rule does not require this. Where this is not feasible or appropriate, such as when health plans receive requests for records, the rule stipulates that at a minimum the determination must be made by a licensed health care professional exercising professional judgment. Special Privacy Protections Two important provisions of the HIPAA privacy rule allow minors who are treated as "individuals" to request special privacy protections. First, these minors may request that health care providers and health plans communicate with them in a confidential manner: These requests may be particularly important when a minor believes that disclosure of information would result in specific danger. Many such laws are critically important to determining how the rule will be implemented. State Minor Consent Laws Every state has laws that allow minors to give their own consent for some kinds of health care—including emergency, general health, contraceptive, pregnancy-related, HIV or other STD, substance abuse and mental health care. Every state also has some laws that allow minors to consent for care if they are emancipated, mature, living apart from their parents, pregnant, parents, high school graduates or older than a certain age. Many of these laws have been in place for several decades. The language of the statutes themselves sometimes supports this understanding. Many minor consent laws contain explicit provisions regarding the disclosure of information to parents. Very few mandate disclosure. Other State Law For adults, the HIPAA privacy rule defers to state laws that provide stronger privacy protections than the federal rule, but if state laws provide weaker protection, the federal rule controls. For minors, on the question of parental access to information, the rule defers to state laws unless they are silent or unclear. Many states have enacted laws concerning privacy of health information and medical records, although not all address disclosure of information to parents when minors have consented to the care. Constitutional Law Numerous decisions of the U. Supreme Court and other courts recognize that the constitutional right of privacy protects minors as well as adults. Dozens of state

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statutes most of which are being enforced require parental consent or notification when a minor seeks an abortion, usually with a "judicial bypass" alternative that allows her to obtain an abortion without parental knowledge or consent. In a state requiring parental consent, if the minor does not use the bypass and allows consent to be obtained from her parents, she will not be considered the individual under the HIPAA rule. If she uses the bypass option, or is in a state that requires parental notification but not consent, the minor will be considered "the individual. Clinicians providing abortions should make sure that minors understand that obtaining parental consent or seeking a judicial bypass will affect their ability to control abortion-related health information. Electronic medical records, over which physicians may have little control, add complexity to this issue. Third-party reimbursement also creates challenges. Many adolescents are covered by public or private insurance, but some are unwilling or unable to use their coverage for contraceptive services, STD diagnosis and treatment, or other sensitive issues, because they worry that their parents will find out through the billing and insurance claims process. Although the HIPAA privacy rule provides a legal basis for a minor to request that providers and health plans restrict disclosure of their protected health information or that they communicate with the minor in a confidential manner, 38 the effective implementation of these provisions requires the willing and active cooperation of both health care providers and third-party payers. Finally, clinicians continue to face the challenge of conveying the protections and limitations of confidentiality to adolescent patients and their parents. Many are minors, are competent to give informed consent for health care and deny being at risk of physical or sexual abuse. If she is a minor, the STD screening is a service that she would be able to give her own consent for in every state, although the age limit varies. Title X, state law or constitutional principles also would permit her to give her own consent for family planning services. Moreover, her parent may have agreed to her receiving confidential care from the physician. If the laws are silent or unclear, the rule gives physicians and other covered entities discretion on whether parents should have access to the medical records. Moreover, if the minor has health insurance coverage and wishes to use it to pay for the care, additional risks exist that disclosure will take place through the insurance claims process, when explanations of benefits are sent to the policyholder, usually a parent. The rule may minimize these risks if minors use the option of requesting restrictions on disclosure or confidential communications. School-Based Health Centers All school-based health centers require some form of consent from parents before a student who is a minor receives care. Often the parent need only sign a general consent form at the beginning of the school year. Many of these forms specify the services offered at the center, and many specify that services are confidential. However, in general, school-based health centers work hard to involve parents whenever that is possible and appropriate. Many school-based health centers offer family planning services and STD screening, and often students want and expect that care to be confidential. In every state, minors can legally consent for STD screening; the same is usually true for family planning. As a result, information about STD screening and family planning is in a different category from information about general health care—which the minor may not have the legal right to consent for under state law. Nevertheless, schools and school-based health centers need procedures for determining which records are governed by the requirements of which law and what those requirements mean for how the information can be used with the school. Information about family planning or STD screening in a school-based health center will almost never be accessible to the school, and will be accessible to parents only under specific provisions of state law. Specialized Clinic Settings Every day, adolescents seek family planning or STD services in clinics specifically designed to provide such care. The application of the HIPAA privacy rule in these settings may differ markedly from its application in private physician offices or school-based health centers. The issues may be slightly more complex in family planning or STD clinics not receiving Title X funds. If the minor is a Medicaid recipient, he or she is also entitled to receive confidential family planning services if the services are billed to Medicaid. The same is true in other Medicaid provider sites, including private physician offices and school-based health centers. However, once again, the variation in practice among Medicaid managed care plans and state Medicaid agencies with respect to the handling of confidential services on claim forms and benefit statements poses challenges. Questions of

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overriding importance include the following: This question can be answered only in part by reference to law, and will be greatly informed by sound standards of ethics and clinical practice. This question will have to be answered largely in the context of protocol development and systems review within provider sites and health plans. Answers to this question will depend on extensive discussion and planning among clinicians, health plans, health insurance companies, Medicaid agencies and others. It acknowledges the validity and reaffirms the importance of the broad range of laws put in place over several decades that are supported by a strong body of research and reflected in the ethical codes and organizational policies of many health care professionals. However, the rule also leaves both the states and Congress free to alter existing laws. While this has always been true, the heightened attention to questions of confidentiality in adolescent care could lead to more activity in state legislatures or in Congress. Some attempts have already been made to repeal minor consent laws that have been on the books for 30 years³⁹ and to require parental notification for adolescents receiving STD care,⁴⁰ which has long been considered a confidential service for minors in every state. So far, most such efforts have not succeeded, but it is not yet clear how state and federal laws and policies will evolve as implementation of the HIPAA privacy rule proceeds. Modifications, initially proposed in March , were issued as a final rule in August *Federal Register*, , 65 *English A* and *Morreale M*, A legal and policy framework for adolescent health care: Klein J et al. Lane M et al. Ford C et al. Thrall J et al. Weiss C and Dalven J, , op. Ford CA and English A, , op. *Federal Register*, , 67 A Summary, second ed. English A and Kenney KE, , op. Health Privacy Project, , op. *Planned Parenthood Federation of New York v. Department of Health and Human Services*, F. Utah , U. Weiss C and Dalven J, , op cit. Acknowledgment Preparation of this comment was supported by The Annie E. The views expressed are those of the authors.

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Chapter 2 : Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Grants | Children's Bureau | ACF

May 22, H.R. (th). To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale of personal information about children without their parents' consent, and for other purposes.

SI is a massive bill which covers a wide range of topics, including encryption. The bill would offer increased privacy protection for specific types of information including: The bill also deals with government access to location information, authority to provide customer location information for emergency purposes, and roving wiretaps. This bill was introduced on April 21, No action has been taken. Legislative History with Links to Related Materials. SI introduced in the Senate. S referred to the Judiciary Committee. HR contains three basic provisions. First, interactive computer services cannot disclose personally identifiable information without written consent. Second, if it does disclose, it cannot falsify information. And third, individuals have the right to learn what information is kept on them. The key clause reads: The bill would give investigative and enforcement authority to the Federal Trade Commission; the only remedy stated in the bill is a "cease and desist order. This bill was introduced on January 6, No action has yet been taken on it. HR referred to House Commerce Committee. The bill creates no private right of action. HR was introduced on January 19, HR referred to the House Commerce Committee. HR referred to the Telecommunications Subcommittee. It affects far more than just Internet activity. It creates criminal liability for violations. It would criminalize the sale by list brokers of information about children under 16 without the written consent of the parent. The most significant prohibition in the bill provides that "Whoever, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, being a list broker, knowingly It would also give parents the right to stop further disclosure. Indeed, list brokers would have to make their databases available to the NCMEC to help them locate missing children. This bill was introduced on January HR referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. HR referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. Rick Boucher D-VA web site bio. Bob Goodlatte R-VA web site bio. HR IH is a long and broad bill dealing with many Internet related topics. Title III of the bill deals with online privacy. It is short and simple. It requires commercial web sites to provide notice of its policy regarding use of personal information. It gives the FTC civil enforcement authority. It provides that "Any person operating a commercial Internet website shall clearly and conspicuously provide notice of its collection, use, and disclosure policies with regard to personally identifiable information nation, including 1 the personally identifiable information that the website operator collects from individuals visiting the website; and 2 the uses that the website operator makes of the personally identifiable information, including whether the operator makes the information available to any third parties. This bill was introduced on May 5, The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on broadband Internet access, which is another topic of the bill. HR IH introduced in the House. HR referred to the Telecom Subcommittee. The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on HR , although not primarily on its privacy provisions. HR IH is a short and simple, but strong bill. It is not limited to the Internet. However, if enacted it would have profound consequences for on-line data collectors. It covers not only businesses that collect personal data, but also government entities state, local and federal. It prohibits disclosure of personal data without express consent. It requires the entities that collect the data to provide access to individuals within five days. Moreover, individuals must receive a report once a year on their personal data, whether they ask for it or not. Finally, the bill creates a private right of action in federal court. The basic prohibition in the bill provides that "no Government agency or private entity may transfer, sell, or disclose any personal data with respect to an individual to another Government agency or private entity without the express consent of such individual. These apply only to governmental entities. The bill provides that it does not "apply with respect to the transfer, sale, or disclosure of data by a Government agency for a national security purpose, law enforcement purpose, or purpose relating to the Federal or State regulation of an industry. It includes basic items such as name, address, social security number, and credit card information. It also includes "Internet address. The bill does not contain language requiring entities that collect data to correct

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incorrect data. Nor does it contain any requirements regarding procedures to safeguard data. Nor does it give the Federal Trade Commission any civil enforcement authority. Nor does it create criminal liability. In fact, it creates no new governmental powers. This bill was introduced on July 29, HR referred to the Government Reform Committee. HR IH is a long, detailed and comprehensive bill. While other bills would impose some increased regulation of online information gathering, this is the pound gorilla of privacy bills. It is a techno-phobic collection of prohibited acts, regulatory procedures, and punitive remedies. This bill was introduced on November 10, It has been referred to many committees.

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Chapter 3 : Cybertelecom :: FCC Online Safety

The Act also establishes a criminal penalty for exchanging information about a child while knowing or having reason to believe that the information will be used to harm the child.

World-renowned photographer Lewis Hine produced much of his work for the organization. West had spent all of his life in institutions and was concerned about the state of affairs. The conferences were held every decade through the s. Congress in response to the White House Conference on Children. For the first time child welfare focused on more than disadvantaged children, and became focused on all children. This law was in effect until when it was declared unconstitutional in the landmark case *Hammer v. Carstens* to act as a federation of 70 child services organizations. Roosevelt signed the Fair Labor Standards Act , which includes limits on many forms of child labor. Featuring nurses and child-centered construction, the facilities also provided pre-cooked hot meals for the mothers to take home. Costs were shared by parents and the company. They operated for two years. Supreme Court held that the government has broad authority to regulate the actions and treatment of children. While children share many of the rights of adults, they face different potential harms from similar activities. Buck, one of the most popular novelists and adoptive parents in the United States, accused social workers and religious institutions of sustaining a black market for adoptions and preventing the adoption of children in order to preserve their jobs. Supreme Court decision which established that juveniles accused of crimes in a delinquency proceeding must be accorded many of the same due process rights as adults such as the right to timely notification of charges, the right to confront witnesses, the right against self-incrimination, and the right to counsel. Supreme Court decision that held when a juvenile is charged with an act which would be a crime if committed by an adult, every element of the offense must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright signs on behalf of the country. However, the United States Congress does not ratify the agreement. The CRC does none of these things. *Janet Reno Flores, et al.* Janet Reno was a class action lawsuit filed in that challenged federal policy dealing with unaccompanied children held in detention by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Flores agreement, which became effective in , set out a national policy for the detention, release and treatment of children in immigration custody based on the premise that authorities must treat children in their custody with "dignity, respect and special concern for their vulnerability as minors.

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Chapter 4 : Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act of

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Word Acrobat Comments Due April 16; May 19, This Notice of Inquiry "NOI" implements the Child Safe Viewing Act of , adopted December 2, , which directs the Commission to initiate a proceeding within 90 days after the date of enactment to examine "the existence and availability of advanced blocking technologies that are compatible with various communications devices or platforms. The Act directs the Commission to issue a report to Congress no later than August 29, detailing our findings in this proceeding. Speaker of the House of Representatives. These guidelines were then recognized by the FCC as meeting the requirements of section and incorporated into rules mandating the adoption of V-Chip technology in certain televisions and devices capable of receiving television signals. Roughly half were given special training on how to program the V-Chip as well as detailed information about the meaning of television ratings, while the other half received no special training in how to use the V-Chip. After one year, the Annenberg study found that only 8 percent of these families had the V-Chip programmed and were actively using it. Similarly, a study by the Kaiser Family Foundation KFF estimated that only 7 percent of parents have used the V-Chip, despite the fact that 40 percent of American families had at least one V-Chip-enabled television. There has been only a modest improvement in these usage figures over time. In , the KFF found that 16 percent of parents say they have used the V-Chip to block objectionable programming. Although 82 percent of parents now say that they have purchased a new television since January 1, , more than half 57 percent are not aware that they have a V-Chip. In , the FCC received a request from thirty-nine members of the House of Representatives asking that the agency undertake an inquiry on television violence. In response, the FCC issued a Notice of Inquiry, seeking public input on a variety of matters related to the issue of violent television content. The FCC received hundreds of filings from interested parties and individuals. On April 25, , the FCC released its report on violent programming and its impact on children. In the report, the FCC found that, on balance, research provides strong evidence that exposure to violence in the media can increase aggressive behavior in children, at least in the short term. Section e of the Telecommunications Act of 47 U. Since that time, however, the FCC has taken no significant action to consider the viability or availability of alternative blocking technologies that could be used by parents to shield children from inappropriate content. In that regard, S. In recognition of the fact that television content is currently being made available over the Internet and over mobile devices, the legislation also requires the FCC to consider alternative blocking technologies that may be appropriate across a wide variety of content distribution platforms. Mark Pryor Press Release: This bill is a pragmatic, sensible approach where parents, kids and technology can all benefit. The Senator said his bill will require the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill its obligation under the Telecommunications Act to continuously review and implement blocking technology as it is developed. As part of the law, Congress required television manufacturers to embed the V-Chip within televisions to allow parents to filter some content according to a rating system. However, the FCC has failed to act since then. And with over channels and video streaming, parents could use a little help," Pryor said. My legislation will help make sure it happens.

Chapter 5 : Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule ("COPPA") | Federal Trade Commission

Authorizes civil actions by children with respect to whom a violation of this Act occurs. Directs the court to award a prevailing plaintiff a reasonable attorney's fee as a part of the costs. Site Content.

Chapter 6 : Summary: Internet Privacy Bills in the th Congress.

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"(A) sells, purchases, or receives remuneration for providing personal information about a child without the written consent of a parent of that child, or "(B) conditions any sale or service to a child or to that child's parent on the granting of such a consent;.

Chapter 7 : Employment Rights Act

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Chapter 8 : Timeline of young people's rights in the United States - Wikipedia

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