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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATORS CHECK-IN

FEBRUARY 25, 2025



Agenda

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

CYBERSECURITY UPDATES/TRAININGS/RESOURCES

PLANNING FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

NEXT MEETING TOPICS

INTRODUCTIONS

- Your Name?
- Your Position?
- Emergency events affecting your organization since November 2024– please put in chat or email to Jody at jbwhite@mtpca.org
- Questions/Expectations for today's call.

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HIPAA Security Rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

In December 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed significant updates to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule to enhance the protection of electronic protected health information (ePHI) against escalating cybersecurity threats.

Key proposals include making all implementation specifications required, updating definitions to reflect technological changes, and requiring more comprehensive documentation, risk assessments, and compliance audits. Additional measures include mandatory encryption, multi-factor authentication, regular vulnerability scans, and incident response planning. Regulated entities would also need to notify others within 24 hours of security changes and disruptions. While the rulemaking is underway, the current HIPAA Security Rule remains in effect.

HHS released a factsheet with a nice summary: [HIPAA Security Rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Strengthen Cybersecurity for Electronic Protected Health Information | HHS.gov](#)



HIPAA Security Rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Continued

NACHC held an excellent webinar on the [HIPAA Security Rule Notice of Proposed Rule Making](#) with Feldman Leifer LLP on February 12th. If you were unable to attend, you can access the session recording and slides here: [recording](#) and [Powerpoint slides](#).

NACHC will be distributing a template comment letter so that Community Health Centers can tailor their feedback and ensure their voice is heard on this issue. We will pass the template along as soon as it's released.

The public comment period for the proposed rule is open **until March 7, 2025**. The proposed rules would have a significant impact on Community Health Centers. Comments can be submitted [here](#).



Upcoming Events

Staying Ahead of Regulatory Changes: Key Updates for Health Centers in 2025

In this webinar, Medcurity will walk through essential regulatory updates that health centers should have on their radar for 2025. Topics include the latest changes to 42 CFR Part 2 and tips for updating consents and policies, strengthening reproductive healthcare privacy, and understanding the ongoing implications of information blocking. We'll provide practical insights to ensure your center stays compliant and prepared for the evolving landscape.

Wednesday, February 26th at 11:00 a.m. [REGISTER](#)

Navigating the 2025 HIPAA Security Rule Proposed Changes

As healthcare technology evolves, so do the regulations that govern patient data protection. Join us for an in-depth webinar with Adam Kehler from Online Business Systems that explores the proposed changes to the HIPAA Security Rule in 2025. Whether you are a healthcare provider, IT professional, or compliance officer, this session will provide the latest updates on how these changes will affect your organization's security practices and patient data privacy.

Wednesday, March 12th at 11:00 a.m. [REGISTER](#)





April 9 - 10, 2025 in Butte, MT

**Leveraging your Tabletop Exercise to
Strengthen Cybersecurity Incident Response**

Come and join us for this important cybersecurity tabletop exercise just prior our **Under the Big Sky Summit** begins!

Prepare to dive into the eye of a cyberstorm in this dynamic and collaborative tabletop exercise. Designed for IT professionals, cybersecurity experts, emergency preparedness and organizational leaders, this session simulates a severe cybersecurity incident to test and enhance your response strategies in real-time.

This exercise will immerse participants in a realistic cyber-attack scenario requiring quick thinking, teamwork, and strategic decision-making. The goal is to effectively manage and mitigate a simulated breach to minimize its impact on operations and maintain organizational trust. Completing an after-action report (AAR) following participation in this exercise will meet annual emergency preparedness exercise requirement and provide a template for future exercises.





**NAVIGATING HIPAA
COMPLIANCE:
ESSENTIAL TRAINING
FOR HEALTHCARE
PROFESSIONALS**

DATE:

Day 1: Wednesday, March 19, 9am-4:30pm MT

Day 2: Thursday, March 20, 9am-4:30pm MT

LOCATION:

This is a hybrid event, with options to attend virtually or in-person at the AUCH Training Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

AUDIENCE:

Providers, Operations, Emergency Preparedness, Finance, Human Resources, Immunizations, Pharmacy, and QI staff.

COST:

AUCH Member Pricing

In-Person Both Days \$200

In-Person One Day \$150

Virtual Both Days \$100

Virtual One Day \$50

Non-Member Pricing

In-Person Both Days \$225

In-Person One Day \$175

Virtual Both Days \$125

Virtual One Day \$75

PRESENTERS:

Margaret Karatzas-LaDuke, MedCurity

OVERVIEW

This two-day HIPAA Compliance Training Program, designed for healthcare professionals, aims to ensure participants are well-versed in the latest HIPAA regulations, including updates to the Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules. Topics Include:

- Regulatory updates
- AI compliance
- Cybersecurity
- Strategies for protecting PHI during emergencies

Upon completion, participants will receive a HIPAA Compliance Training Certificate to demonstrate their compliance knowledge and meet regulatory requirements.

Find detailed agendas for both days [here](#).

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

Questions about this training? Please contact [Tracey Siaperas](#)

MPCA Resource Library



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 - Chief Financial Officers Peer Group
 - Clinical Leadership Peer Group
 - Compliance Peer Group
 - Dental Leaders Peer Group
 - eCW Peer Support
 - MAT Chat Peer Group

Resource Library for Health Center Professionals

The MPCA Resource Library includes recordings of past training, webinars, and peer group documents relevant for Montana’s Community Health Centers. View MPCA’s [Calendar of Events](#) for updates on upcoming webinars and trainings. For more information, please contact us at events@mtpca.org

How to search: Select an overall category (examples: Workforce, Integrated Behavioral Health), then utilize the keyword search or select a sub-category (examples: resources, trainings). Keyword searches only search within an overall category and can be accessed through that category’s page.

For peer group resources, utilize the navigation drop down on the left side of the page: select your group under “Health Center Operations.” Some peer group resources may be password protected; reach out to MPCA staff for the password.

MPCA Resource Library provides examples of resources that often come from our members. Though this site is password protected it is not secure. Publication of these resources in the MPCA Resource Library is not an endorsement of the resources by MPCA. These resources have not been reviewed by legal counsel and do not constitute legal advice. These examples and ideas are being shared to assist you in drafting appropriate policies and procedures specific to your organization. If you have any questions, you should seek the advice of your legal counsel.







Select a category from below:



On Pulse Cybersecurity Resources

Content posted to MPCA Resource Library Cybersecurity Tools and Resources

POLICIES INCLUDED IN THE BUNDLE

 <p>Sanctions Procedure Template</p>	 <p>Security Incident Response Plan Template</p>
 <p>Security Incident Response: Lessons Learned Evaluation Form</p>	 <p>Sample Third-Party Vendor Security Assessment Template</p>
 <p>Ransomware Best Practices Guide and Playbook</p>	 <p>Security Breach Tracking Form Sample</p>

- ***NEW*** AI Policy
- **Security Risk Management Policy**
- **Asset and Data Management Policy**
- **Workforce Security**
- **Identity Management and Access Control Policy**
- **Remote Access Policy**
- **Security Awareness and Training Policy**
- **Security Incident Response Policy**
- **Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery**
- **Third Party Management Policy**
- **Facility Access Policy**
- **Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Device and Media Controls Policy**
- **Logging and Monitoring Policy**
- **Transmission and Storage Policy**
- **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy**
- **Version History Table**



QUESTION & ANSWER

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Emergency Preparedness Considerations for Vulnerable Populations

Utilizing AZARA DRVS to Identify Vulnerable Populations
Toni Wood, CPHIMS

Discussion: Current Strategies at your Centers, How might you use information from today to enhance EP for vulnerable populations?
Jody White, RN, BSN

MPCA DRVS Implementation Overview

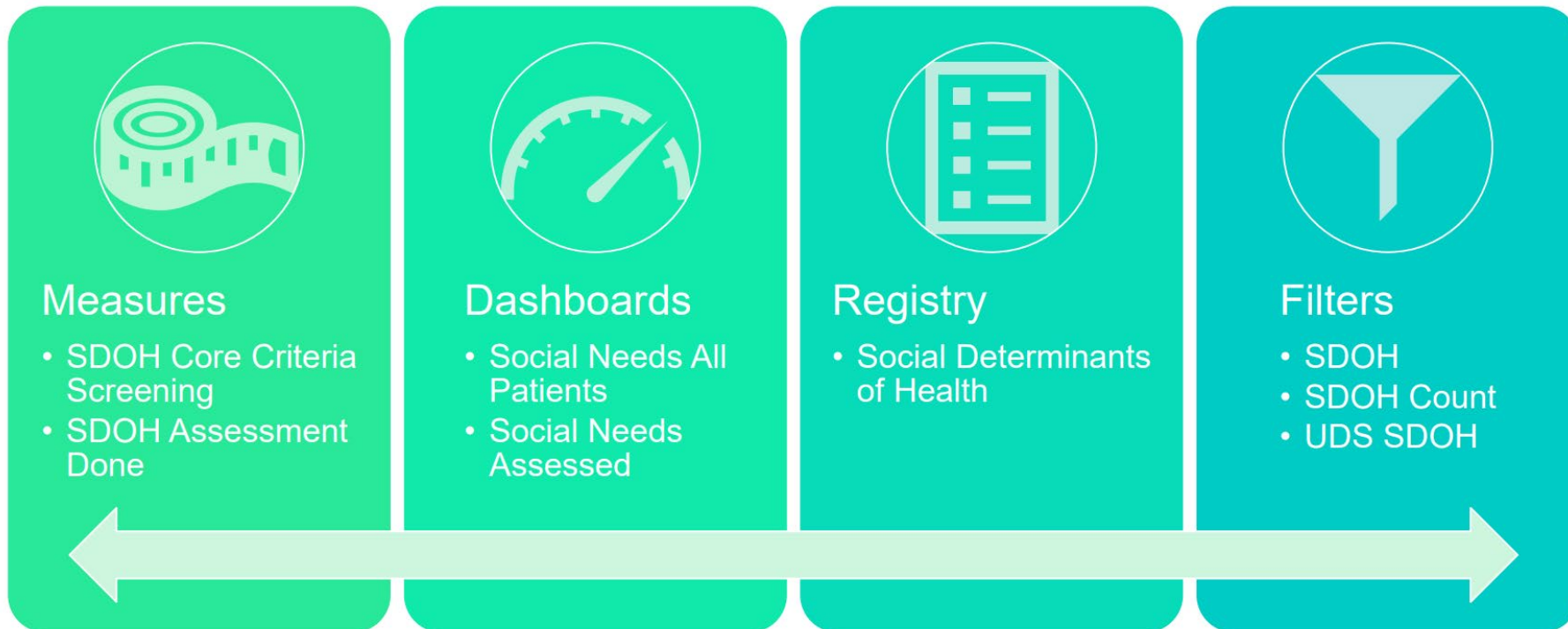
Center	Core DRVS	SDOH	Controlled Substance	Risk	TOC	Payer Integration			APO	Dental
Alluvion	10/2021				X					
Bullhook	08/2020		X		X				X	X
Community Health Partners	01/2022+01/2024		X		X					
Glacier	02/2020		X		X				X	
Greater Valley	03/2022		X		X				X	
Marias	06/2022		X						X	
Migrant	07/2023		X							
Northwest	11/2019		X		X					
One Health	12/2021		X		X					
Partnership	09/2018		X		X					
PureView	10/2021		X		X					
Riverstone	10/2019		X		X					X
Sapphire	10/2020+01/2023		X		X				X	
Southwest	12/2019		X		X				X	X

Mountain Health CoOp
 Montana Medicaid
 Medicare (MSSP) Cost and Utilization



Identifying Vulnerable Populations

Through the combination of SDOH, demographic, and clinical data, DRVS users can uncover potential disparities across populations, identifying patients who need to be engaged for additional supports and services.



DRVS Captures Key SDOH Criteria*

- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Education Level
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Food
- ✓ FPL < 200
- ✓ Housing Insecurity
- ✓ Incarceration
- ✓ Insurances
- ✓ Isolation
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Medical Care
- ✓ Migrant Status
- ✓ Refugee Status
- ✓ Rent/Mortgage
- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Stress
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Utilities
- ✓ Violence



*Though the data elements included in DRVS are based on the most widely used tool, PRAPARE, DRVS can also map to other available assessment tools. Contact your Azara representative to learn more.

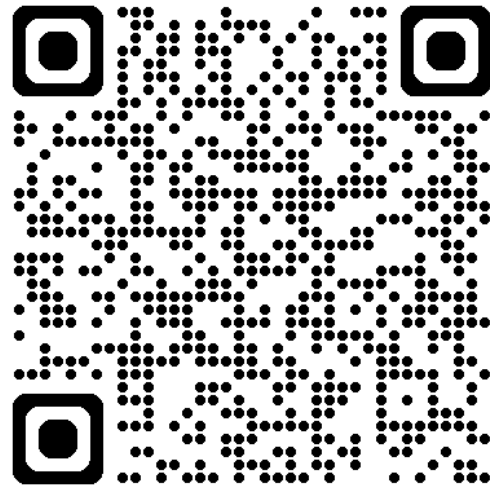


QUESTIONS/NEXT MEETING.....

2025 Montana Policy & Issues

Helena, MT

March 18th 6pm – March 19th 5pm



Two ways to register!

<https://cvent.me/3e1BOP>



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