



HIPAA Information

The Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration (formerly Maryland AIDS Administration) is an agency of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and conducts HIV/AIDS surveillance in its capacity as a public health authority as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information; Final Rule (Privacy Rule) [45 CFR §164.501]. Pursuant to 45 CFR §164.512 (b) of the Privacy Rule, covered entities such as your organization may disclose, without individual authorization, protected health information to public health authorities "...authorized by law to collect or receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability, including, but not limited to, the reporting of disease, injury, vital events such as birth or death, and the conduct of public health surveillance, public health investigations, and public health interventions..."

If you have any questions about HIPAA and HIV/AIDS surveillance, please contact William Honablew, Chief of Policy and Public Information, DHMH, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration at 410.767.5064.