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There is a federal regulation known as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Many health-related businesses need to incorporate a specialized HIPAA approved encryption solution for their information transport.

HIPAA regulations require that all individually identifiable health care information be protected to ensure privacy and confidentiality when electronically stored, maintained or transmitted. The very openness of the Internet and e-mail makes it inherently



insecure, opening the door to security breaches, information interception and potentially devastating liabilities.

Network firewalls and conventional security solutions can help secure content stored on the network. Protecting information, once it has left the network requires an additional layer of security on the messages themselves. This security needs to be applied not only to communications between health care organizations and patients but also between health care organizations themselves.

All major health care providers and small health care agencies need to be compliant with HIPAA privacy and security regulations. You may need to evaluate your telecommunication requirements to determine whether to adopt encryption or utilize a Private Line, Frame Relay, MPLS or private IPVPN solution. In some environments, a combination of both methods would be most effective.

Understanding the rules and regulations that are dictating these changes is critical.

Some additional sites to review are:

<http://www.hipaadvisory.com> | <http://www.hipaacomply.com>

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