

## Security & Privacy Work Group

• SPWG Introduction

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## Why the SPWG?

- Establish consensus on the most significant health care community-wide HIPAA implementation issues
- Develop a strategic plan to address these issues
- Mitigate national deployment obstacles



#### The Security NPRM and Privacy **Final Rule**

- Both security and privacy exhibit many parallel and cross-over issues which would be difficult to coordinate across separate workgroups
  - Both Security and Privacy requirements anticipate 'audit trails' and 'safeguards'
  - 'Protected health information' verses 'individually identifiable health information'
  - 'Business associate contracts' verses 'Chain of Trust agreements'
  - 'Minimum Necessary' verses 'Need to Know'



#### Security Sub-Workgroup Efforts

- Organized Security Sub-Workgroups around the 4 consensus security issues:
  - Awareness/Organizational Change Management
  - Audit Trail Clarification
  - Certification and Accreditation
  - Vendor Technologies and Interdependencies



#### Privacy Sub-Workgroup Efforts

- Privacy Sub-Workgroups were formed to address the 6 consensus privacy (and crossover security) issues identified:
  - Preemption
  - Access / Amendment Minimal Necessary

  - De-identify/re-identify Notice Vs. Patient Consent Electronic Vs. Paper



#### Along the way ...

- Polices and Procedures sub-group formed
- Version 3 white papers released July 2001 at http://www.snip.wedi.org/public/articles/index .cfm?cat=2
  - choose WEDI SNIP Security and Privacy



#### New Sub-Workgroup Efforts

- Formed after the June 2001 Meetings

  - Small Provider State Agencies
  - **ERISA**
  - NCPDP 5.1 versus Minimum Necessary



### Privacy Guidance released July 6, 2001

- Work group completed review of Version 3 white papers against comments from the AMA, and the Privacy Guidance
- Work group will review the current Version 3 white papers against the security final rule when released



## **SNIP Privacy Guidance Webcast**

- September 26, 2001
- Linda Sanches, DHHS/OCR
- Richard Marks, SPWG, DWT
- CD available



#### Vendor Technology & Interdependency Subgroup

- Low Level & Value Added Solutions to Security Services and Mechanisms
- Tools and Technology Survey
  - 7 Survey Questions



#### **Policies and Procedures Subgroup**

- Implementation Considerations and Issues
- Risk Considerations
- Several Outlines
  - Minimum Necessary
  - De-identified PHI
  - Business Associates
  - Deceased IndividualsWorkstation Use
  - Termination Procedures



## **Small Practice Implementation Subgroup**

- Model HIPAA Privacy and Security Audit for Small Practices
- Consent, Authorization, Notice document
- Disclosure without Consent or Authorization
- Policy Needs
- Employee Manual Needs



## **State Agencies Subgroup**

- Are state agencies covered entities?
- What unique issues are state agencies faced with in HIPAA implementation?



# WEDi SNIP Summit Working Toward Solutions

- When: November 12 14, 2001
- Where: Orlando Florida
- Material: Tracks
  - General
  - Transactions
  - Security & Privacy
  - Provider



#### November 12 -- 14, 2001 SPWG Sessions

- 10:15 AM, November 12, 2001 Small Practice Implementation Subgroup
- 11:55 AM, November 12, 2001, HIPAA Enforcement Panel
- 3:55 PM, November 12, 2001 Policy & Procedure Subgroup



#### November 12 -- 14, 2001 SPWG Sessions

- 10:55 AM, November 13, 2001, SPWG Update
- Noon, November 14, 2001, Impacts on Staff, Change Management



#### **HOW TO JOIN SPWG**

- Join the WEDI mailing list at http://www.wedi.org/forms/form.cfm?id=1
- Join the SPWG by sending an email to Lesley Berkeyheiser at Lherkeyheiser@home.com
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