

**County Of San Diego**  
**Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa)**

**SUBJECT: Privacy Incidents**

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**DATE: September 1, 2017**

**REFERENCE: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); California Information Practices Act; various State Agreements.**

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**POLICY:** HHSa Programs shall prevent, investigate, and mitigate Privacy Incidents and shall notify the proper individuals in regards to any and all Privacy Incidents using the procedures established by the Agency Compliance Office.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Privacy laws and regulations such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the California Information Practices Act (CIPA) outline requirements regarding the confidentiality of and client's rights regarding Protected Information. Many Agency Programs also have Agreements with the State of California that outline additional confidentiality parameters. Compliance with these regulations is addressed in a series of Agency policies and procedures maintained by the Agency Compliance Office.

**DEFINITIONS:** See HHSa Policy L-30 "Privacy Definitions"

**PROCEDURES:** See related procedures and forms at [www.cosdcompliance.org](http://www.cosdcompliance.org).

**QUESTIONS:** HHSa Privacy Officer at 619-338-2808

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