

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) – A law that protects & ensures privacy of health information that’s gathered by healthcare providers, such as ICAN.

Protected Health Information (PHI) – Any personal health detail(s) that can identify a person. This can include mental health conditions, treatments, and personal details which is usually kept by healthcare providers, or related businesses such as ICAN. Below is a chart of **18 PHI identifiers** for reference:

PHI Identifier	Description
Names	Full names, initials, or any part of a name that can identify a patient.
Geographic Data	Any location smaller than a state (e.g., street addresses, city/county names, most zip codes).
Dates	Birthdates, admission/discharge dates, dates of death, exact ages over 89.
Telephone Numbers	Any personal, work, or emergency contact numbers.
Fax Numbers	Any fax number linked to a patient or healthcare entity.
Email Addresses	Personal, work, or secondary emails that can identify an individual.
Social Security Numbers (SSN)	Full or partial SSNs linked to a patient.
Medical Record Numbers	Unique patient identifiers within a healthcare system.
Health Plan Beneficiary Numbers	Insurance or health plan policy numbers tied to a patient.
Account Numbers	Financial account numbers used in healthcare transactions.
Certificate or License Numbers	Professional licenses (e.g., physician, nursing) linked to a provider or patient.
Vehicle Identifiers & Serial Numbers	License plates, VINs connected to a patient.
Device Identifiers & Serial Numbers	Unique medical device IDs that link to a patient.
Web URLs	Any web address that reveals patient identity (e.g., patient portals).
IP Addresses	Internet Protocol addresses identifying patients or healthcare providers.
Biometric Identifiers	Fingerprints, retinal scans, voiceprints, facial recognition data.
Full-Face Photographic Images	Clear photos of a patient’s face or identifiable body parts.
Other Unique Identifiers	Any unique patient-related number, code, or characteristic (e.g., genetic data, tracking numbers).

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