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Acronym HIPPA refers to Health Insurance Portability Act that was passed in 1996 by the Congress. This act was formed to protect data privacy and provide security provisions for safeguarding the medical information of patients. This law has turned into acute prominence due to recent data breaches due to cyber and ransomware attacks on the companies of health insurance and providers.

It provides health insurance coverage to American workers and their families in situations like job loss. It has helped to reduce the abuse and fraud regarding health care. HIPPA dictates all the industry-wide standards of healthcare information on processes like healthcare billing.

 There is no doubt that HIPPA has revolutionized the healthcare industry. Along with the positive effects it has put a few negative effects on the industry. Many healthcare professionals complain that privacy policies of HIPAA, impose potential compromises to the timeline and quality of patient care(“What is HIPAA,” n.d.).

HIPPA ensures that only authenticated individuals, different level of access to the patient information. But at the same time complexity of management of health information. It becomes difficult for management professionals to obtain the information, which makes them interpret rules for themselves, which often leads to misinterpretations and inconsistent applications that often becomes a cause of delayed treatment.

This level of information puts a hurdle in the way of researchers to obtain authentic information and data for research.

HIPAA gives patient many rights for their privacy. Rights begin with the right to receive notice of privacy practices. It also enables patients to access the protected health information that is related to them. According to HIPPA under PHI, patients are given the right to receive an accounting of the disclosures about their records. HIPPA not just protect the information of patients but also give them right to request the restrictions on their data usage(“patient Rights Under HIPAA,” n.d.). **References**

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