

# HISAA versus the HIPAA Security Rule Updates

- HISAA would address healthcare cybersecurity gaps **industry-wide**.
- HIPAA Security Rule updates would enhance data security for ePHI handled by **covered entities**.

Proposal	HISAA (Health Information Sharing and Analysis Act)	HIPAA Security Rule Updates
Scope	Applies <b>industry-wide</b> to all healthcare organizations	Applies only to <b>HIPAA-covered entities</b> (healthcare providers, insurers, business associates)
Focus	Mandatory cybersecurity standards for <b>the entire healthcare sector</b>	Strengthens security <b>for electronic protected health information (ePHI)</b>
Key Requirements	Incident reporting, vulnerability management, breach disclosures	Encryption, multifactor authentication, risk assessments, security monitoring
Regulatory Authority	Likely a broader regulatory framework beyond HHS	HHS-led enforcement through updates to existing HIPAA regulations
Compliance Implications	Establishes a <b>baseline</b> for cybersecurity across the industry	Modernizes <b>existing</b> HIPAA requirements to improve ePHI protection
Enforcement	<b>Under discussion</b> and will likely be determined during the legislative process	<b>Will likely continue to be HHS-driven</b> , reliant on audits, complaint investigations, and penalties, & subject to resource constraints

- **HISAA:** Participate in the HISAA process by contacting your Congressional Representatives via [house.gov](https://house.gov) & [senate.gov](https://senate.gov).
- **HIPAA:** Read the HIPAA working draft: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2024-30983.pdf>. Public comment on the proposed rule update closes March 7, 2025.