

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT TRAINING

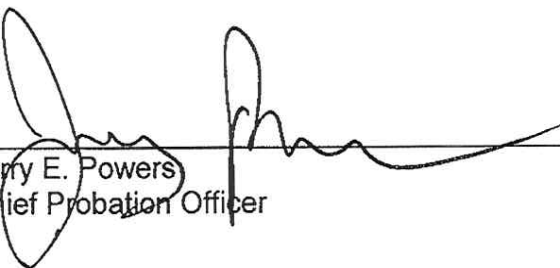
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently published sensitive updates to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules. The updated Rules significantly strengthen privacy protection for patient health information.

The Auditor Controller and County Counsel have reviewed the Probation Department's practice related to HIPAA and Privacy and have determined that Probation Department is considered a "Covered Entity".

To comply with the HIPAA regulation, the Rule requires training for all Probation Department employees, volunteers, contractors, and consultants. Protected Health Information (PHI) is defined as any information, alone or in combination that allows a Probation client to be uniquely identified.

To avoid the increased fines and penalties that Office of Civil Rights (OCR) may impose for violations and non-compliance, all employees are required to complete the on-line training by September 23, 2013. HIPAA training is available through the County's online Learning Management System (LMS) at <http://www.mylacounty.gov>.

Questions regarding this Directive should be referred to the IT/Data Security and HIPAA Privacy Officer, Zaven Buickians, at (323) 730-4513.



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