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How to Check If Your Med Spa Must Follow HIPAA

- [ ] Ask your billing team whether the clinic sends electronic insurance claims, eligibility checks or prior authorization requests.
- [ ] Check whether a billing company or clearinghouse sends these transactions for you.
- [ ] Use the free CMS Covered Entity Decision Tool and save the result.
- [ ] Ask your EMR (electronic medical record) and electronic prescribing software providers whether their systems send HIPAA-standard transactions to health plans.
- [ ] Check whether your med spa operates as part of another covered medical practice.
- [ ] Review the privacy laws of the states where your clinic operates and provides services.
- [ ] Check that your website's privacy notice and patient consent forms match how you actually handle photos.
- [ ] Write down whether you believe your med spa is a HIPAA covered entity and why.
- [ ] Ask a qualified HIPAA adviser or lawyer to review your decision.
- [ ] Review your status whenever your billing, services or business structure changes.

This checklist is general information, not legal advice. Before you decide, check your situation with a qualified HIPAA adviser or lawyer.

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