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Standards for Privacy of Individually

Identifiable Health Information

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant

Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

We note that poison control centers are health care providers for purposes of this rule. We consider the counseling and follow-up consultations provided by poison control centers with individual providers regarding patient outcomes to be treatment. Therefore, poison control centers and other health care providers can share protected health information about the treatment of an individual without a business associate contract.