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MEDICAL RESPITE CARE
GLOSSARY OF LEGAL OPERATIONAL TERMS

BAA	A Business Associate Agreement required to be in place between health care providers (covered entities) and others entrusted with PHI.
Breach Notification	A required notification under HIPAA to patients and others entrusted with PHI and potential reporting responsibility to regulators.
Business Associate	Entity entrusted with PHI by covered entities or a subcontractor to a Business Associate.
COP	Conditions of participation under Medicare or Medicaid which is a contractual commitment of hospitals and other providers to those government programs.
Covered Entity	Usually a health care provider or a health plan under HIPAA.
Discharge Planning	A process required under COP for patients under care of a provider as to the discharge goals for patients in their care.
EMTALA	The Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act requiring emergency rooms of hospitals to stabilize patients notwithstanding a lack of ability to pay.
Encryption	A process to ensure security of PHI.
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center which usually sees outpatients on a sliding scale due to the patient's ability to pay.
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act governing privacy and security for PHI.
Interoperability	The process of exchanging data among electronic medical records between providers.
MCO	Managed care organizations for physical and behavioral health.
OCR	Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Justice.
OIG	Office of Inspector General of HHS.

PHI	Personal Health Information which includes identifying information such as name, address, social security number and birthdate.
Readmission Standards	Rules and regulations meant to financially penalize hospitals for patients with certain conditions who return to a hospital for the same diagnosis or a complication arising from treatment.