

Idaho HIPAA Coordinating Council

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Region Covered: Idaho (providers)

Meeting Location:

Meeting Time: Monthly meetings, schedule posted on website

Convening Organization: Idaho Medical Association

Website: www2.state.id.us/dhw/hipaa/cc/council_home.htm

Key Leadership: on website

Governance Protocols: on website

Membership list: on website

Goals and Objectives: Currently, 31 statewide consortiums exist dedicated to bringing their state's healthcare industry into compliance with HIPAA. These consortiums consist of representatives of all parts of the healthcare delivery system including providers, public and private payers, vendors, state agencies and employers. These HIPAA compliance consortiums make sense for many reasons but primarily they are driven by the realization that HIPAA compliance may not be possible without a collaborative effort. HIPAA is extraordinarily complex and far-reaching. Compliance will be difficult and expensive for every entity, from the largest insurers and hospitals down to the smallest provider office. Collaboration among all segments of the industry can achieve efficiency, economies of scale, consistency and compatibility of efforts while simultaneously avoiding duplication of effort. Collaboration will lighten the burden for all affected parties.