

The 18 Identifiers Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule (Protected Health Information)

Protected Health Information (PHI): Info in any format that identifies an individual, including demographic info. Info created or received by a healthcare provider, health plan, employer, or healthcare clearinghouse that relates to an individual's past, present or future physical or mental health/condition.

Names	All elements of dates except year related to an individual	E-mail Addresses
Phone #s	Vehicle identifiers and serial #s	URLs
Fax #s	Biometric identifiers, incl. finger and voice prints	IP address #s
SS #s	Full face photographic and comparable images	Certificate/license #s
Account #s	Any other unique identifying #, characteristic or code	Health plan beneficiary #s
Med Record #s	Geographic subdivision smaller than a state*	Device identifiers/serial #s

* except the first three digits of a zip code if the geographic unit formed by combining all zip codes with the same three initial digits contains more than 20,000 people and the initial three digits of a zip code for all such geographic units containing 20,000 or fewer people is changed to 000