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Although the HIPAA omnibus rule was issued in January 2013, enforcement begins today, September 23, 2013. If they have not already done so, health care providers, health plans, and their "business associates" need to put in place the required policies, processes and safeguards to comply with the new rules. Failure to comply may result in fines ranging from \$100 to \$50,000 per violation. Penalties of \$10,000 to \$50,000 are mandatory if the entity acts with willful neglect, which may include failure to have required policies or safeguards. Compliance is more important than ever given increased government enforcement and the lower standard for self-reporting privacy breaches.

If you would like more information or guidance concerning compliance with the new HIPAA rules (including a checklist for compliance), please visit our website, <http://www.hhhealthlawblog.com/>.

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