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What does the HIPAA final rule regarding reproductive health information mean for your organization?

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On April 26, 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Office for Civil Rights issued a final privacy rule to support reproductive health privacy.^[1] The rule does not allow the sharing of reproductive health information if it is for a prohibited purpose defined as:

1. To investigate into or impose liability on any person for *merely* seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating *lawful* reproductive healthcare.^[2]
2. To identify an individual or provider to initiate an investigation against the individual or provider in connection with seeking, obtaining, providing, or facilitating lawful reproductive healthcare.^[3]

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