

## Healthcare Program/Policy Evaluation Analysis Template

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Use this document to complete the Module 5 Assessment Assessing a Healthcare Program/Policy Evaluation

Healthcare	
Program/Policy	The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)
Evaluation	
Description	

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a US federal law signed in to law in 1996 by the then US President Bill Clinton. It is enforced by The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The law prohibits the unconsented use and disclosure of patient health information by care providers and entities, therefore giving patients the rights to control how their health information is used. It ensures that patients' information is used responsibly in consultations and studies to promote high-quality health care (De Simone, 2019). The law also requires healthcare facilities to protect the confidentiality of patients in all individually identifiable health information during storage and transmission. In that regards, the entities that handle patient data are required to protect it from unauthorized access and employ electronic protection measures. The act also protects all workers across the US against loss of health insurance coverage upon loss of employment. It prohibits insurance companies from denying citizens access to health insurance based on preexisting conditions.

How was the success of the program or policy measured?

The success of HIPAA is assessed at both the organizational and national level. It entails determining whether the target goals have been achieved. Its primary objectives include limiting unauthorized access

	and use of patient data and penalizing those in breach of the law. At the organizational level, success is
	measured based on the level of organizations compliance with the data protection provisions and whether
	institutions ensure that all workers are in a position to access healthcare insurance even upon termination
	of employment. It also entails the assessment of cases of a data breach at the organization level. At the
	national level, assessment involves evaluation of the number of organizations that have been reported and
	fined for non -compliance with the law.
How many people	By the end of 2019, HIPAA had an impact on 231,968 US citizens (Edemekong & Haydel, 2019). These
were reached by the	
program or policy	are citizens that had reported complaints to HIPPA. Out of these, 99% of the cases had been resolved.

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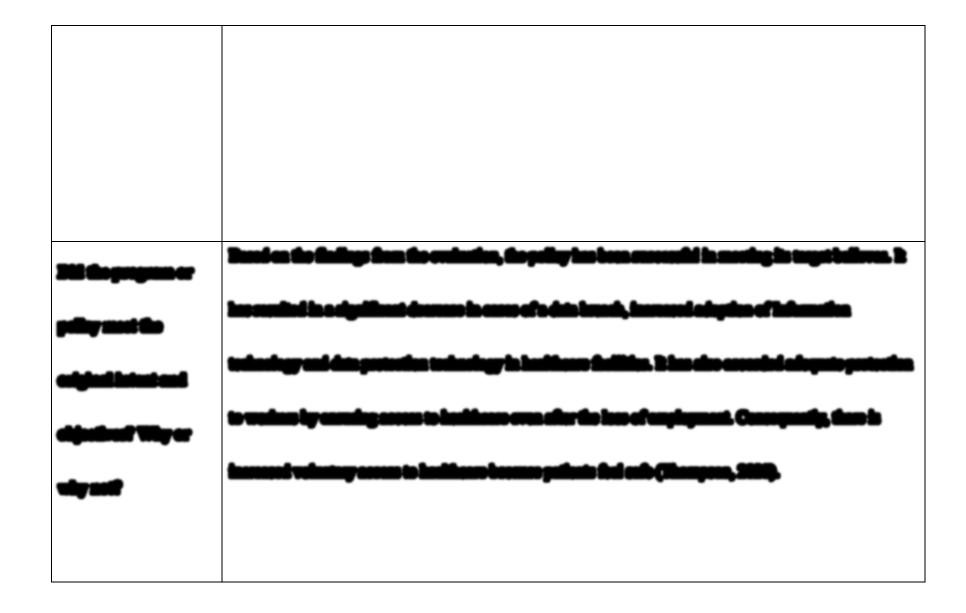
Consequently, the law had managed to achieve several positive outcomes across the US. In the year 2018, the law increased its efforts to catch the defaulters. HIPAA handled numerous cases of data breach and insurance defaulters, whose penalties amounted to approximately \$28. 7 million by the end of the year. Consequently, there has been a significant reduction in cases of non-compliance to data protection, confidentiality and employee insurance regulations. More than 70% of healthcare organizations in the US have adopted electronic data systems and adopted the most advanced technologies to protect patient data. Additionally, cases of data breach have reduced by more than 50%. Patients are now willingly seeking healthcare as they are confident that their information is safe (Drolet, Marwaha, Hyatt, Blazar & Lifchez, 2017).

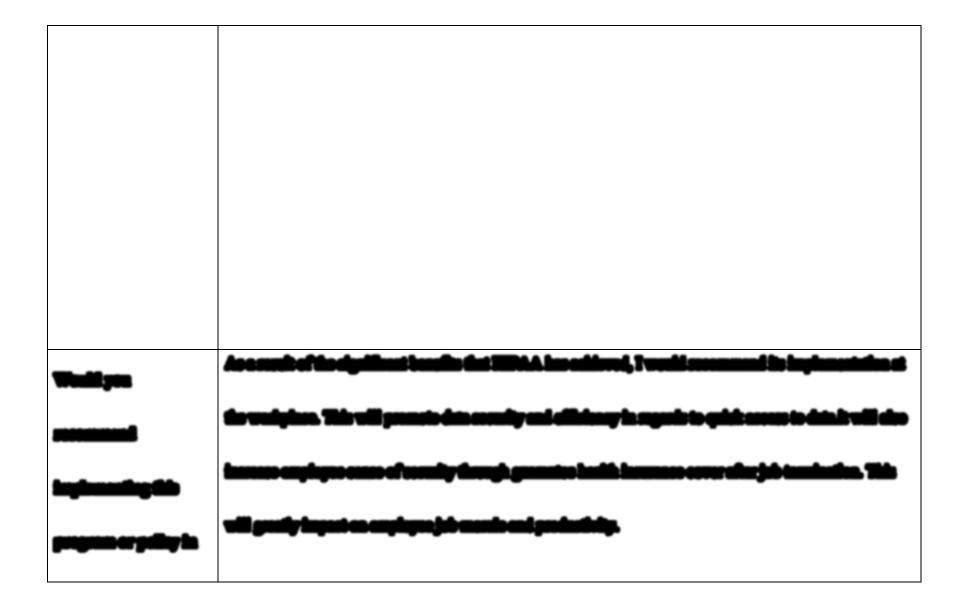
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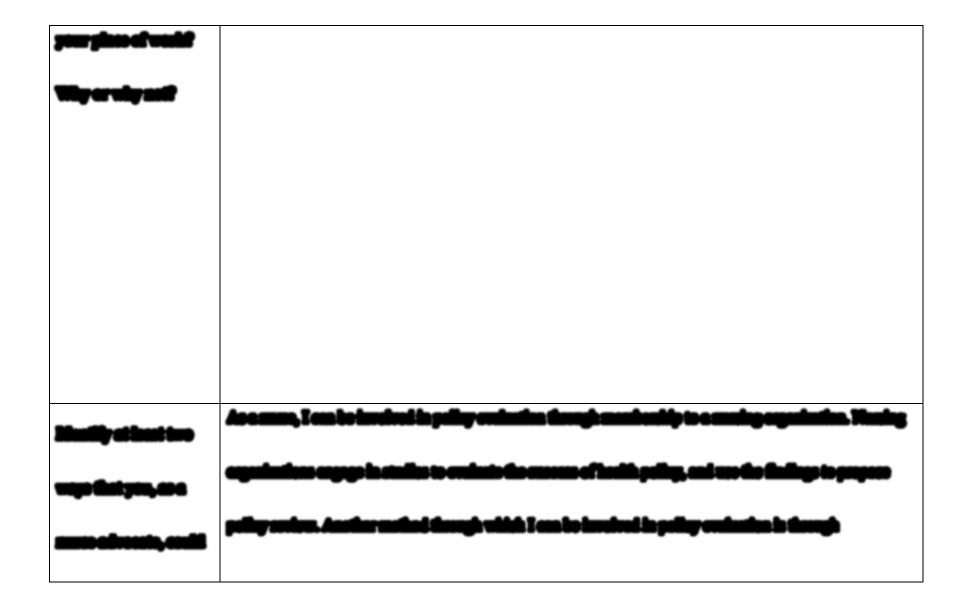
Data used to assess the impact of the HIPAA policy include patient record, used to determine the increment in access to healthcare-associated with the policy and national data from the department of health on the number of organizations that have adopted information technology and data protection technology. Insurance record on the number of employees still receiving insurance benefits after dismissal and criminal records on organizations sued for HIPAA non-compliance are used (Aranguren, Magro & Wilson, 2017).

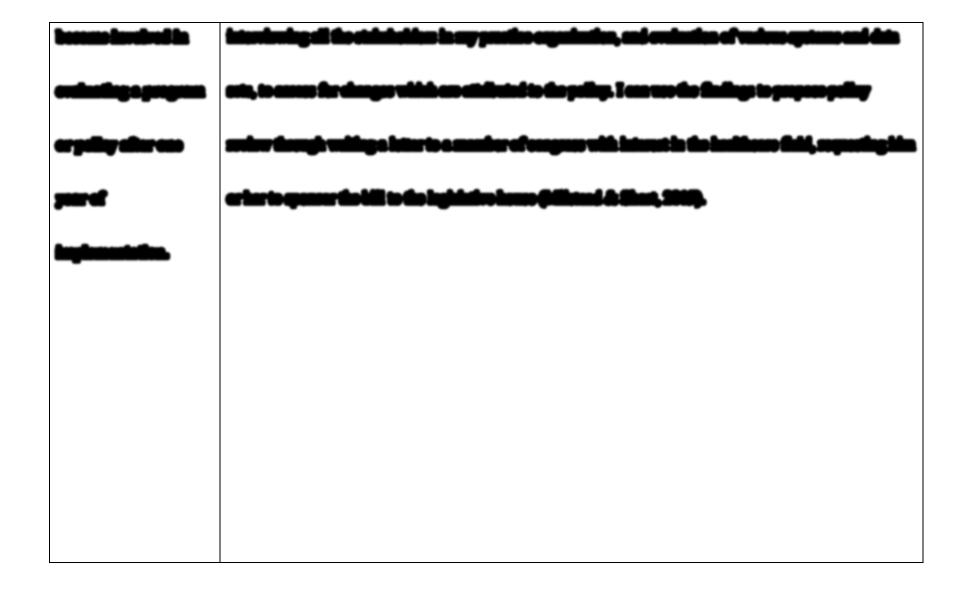
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