

Please join us for **HIPAA and the Law Enforcement Exception**, a webinar that will be hosted by the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services on **June 20, 2011**, from **3:00-4:00 pm (CST)**.

This webinar will discuss the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act which was enacted in 1996 to address concerns over privacy in health care and insurance matters. Since its inception, HIPAA has frequently been cited by hospital staff and medical personnel to prevent the release of information to law enforcement officials conducting criminal investigations. HIPAA was never intended, however, to prevent or obstruct legitimate police or prosecutorial investigations. This webinar will discuss the law enforcement exception which specifically allows for the release of information under certain circumstances.

The webinar will be presented by Warren Diepraam, an assistant district attorney in Montgomery County, Texas. Mr. Diepraam has over 20 years of experience as a prosecutor and currently serves as the chief of the Vehicular Crimes Section of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Diepraam has been recognized as one of the nation's top vehicular crimes prosecutors by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. He was the first prosecutor in Texas to secure a first degree murder conviction for a habitual DWI offender and started the Texas "No Refusal" program which has now spread to at least eight other states. Mr. Diepraam previously served as the NHTSA Traffic Safety Prosecutor Fellow and has been a featured guest or contributor on several local and national media outlets, including 60 Minutes, Nightline, Fox News, and the BBC. Mr. Diepraam has frequently lectured on HIPAA and the law enforcement exception, most recently at the national Lifesavers conference held in March 2011 in Phoenix, AZ.

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This webinar will be worth 1.2 hours of Missouri CLE credit.

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