

## ABSTRACT

### UNDERSTANDING HEALTHCARE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE: A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF HIPAA, MEDICAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT, AND THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT

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This research paper provides a comprehensive examination of the legal framework governing healthcare regulation and compliance, focusing on three key areas: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), medical records management, and the False Claims Act. The paper explores the historical context, regulatory requirements, and implications for healthcare providers and organizations. Through an in-depth analysis of relevant laws, regulations, and case studies, this paper aims to enhance understanding of the complex legal landscape surrounding healthcare compliance and the importance of adherence to regulatory standards to protect patient privacy, ensure accurate medical documentation, and prevent fraud and abuse.

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