



## How HIPAA<sup>1</sup> Allows Doctors to Respond to the Opioid Crisis



HIPAA regulations allow health professionals to share health information with a patient's loved ones in emergency or dangerous situations

HIPAA allows health care professionals to disclose some health information without a patient's permission under certain circumstances, including:

HIPAA respects individual autonomy by placing certain limitations on sharing health information with family members, friends, and others without the patient's agreement.

HIPAA anticipates that a patient's decision-making capacity may change during the course of treatment.