

**U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Office for Civil Rights**

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), enforces federal civil rights laws in health and human services programs. OCR works to eliminate unlawful discrimination in programs that receive Federal financial assistance (FFA) from HHS and protects the privacy of medical information.

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