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**Code of Federal Regulations 45**

**Subpart C - Compliance and Enforcement**

**§ 164.512 Uses and disclosures for which consent, an  
authorization, or opportunity to agree or object is not required.**

**45 CFR 164.512 (f) HIPAA Exception for Law Enforcement**

(f) Standard: Disclosures for law enforcement purposes.

(3) A covered entity [doctor, dentist, hospital, etc.] may disclose protected health information in response to a law enforcement official's request for such information if the person has been reported to law enforcement as missing.