



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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November 26, 2024

Michael Clauw
Unknown
Unknown,

RE: OCR Transaction Number: 06-24-586362

Clauw, Michael v The Unexpected Pregnancy Center &
Heartbeat International

Dear Sir or Madam:

On August 20, 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received your complaint alleging a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy, Security and/or Breach Notifications Rules.

OCR enforces federal civil rights laws which prohibit discrimination in the delivery of health and human services based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, religion, and the exercise of conscience, and also enforces the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy, Security and Breach Notification Rules.

Upon review of your complaint, we have determined that OCR does not have authority to investigate your allegations and, therefore, is closing this matter. The HIPAA Rules apply to covered entities and their business associates. Covered entities include only (a) health care clearinghouses; (b) health plans; or (c) health care providers who transmit any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction for which HHS has adopted standards. Business associates are, generally, entities that create, receive, maintain, transmit, or otherwise provide services requiring access to protected health information for, or on behalf of, a covered entity. The Unexpected Pregnancy Center & Heartbeat International does not meet the definition of a covered entity or a business associate. Therefore, the requirements of the HIPAA Rules do not apply to The Unexpected Pregnancy Center & Heartbeat International.

We regret that we are unable to assist you in this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Centralized Case Management Operations at (800) 368-1019 or (202) 619-3257 (TDD).

Sincerely,



Marisa Smith
Regional Manager

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