

Checklist To Ensure De-Identification of Protected Health Information

The following nineteen items are Protected Health Information. These identifiers need to be removed to be considered “de-identified”.

- ❑ Names
- ❑ All geographic subdivisions smaller than a state
- ❑ Zip Code
- ❑ All dates except year
- ❑ Phone numbers
- ❑ Fax Numbers
- ❑ Electronic mail address
- ❑ Social Security number
- ❑ Medical record number
- ❑ Health plan beneficiary number
- ❑ Account number
- ❑ License/certificate number
- ❑ Vehicle numbers
- ❑ Device Identifiers
- ❑ Web Universal/Uniform Resource Locations (URLs)
- ❑ Internet Protocol (IP) address number
- ❑ Biometric identifiers (fingerprints/voice prints)
- ❑ Full face photographic images
- ❑ Any other unique identifier