

De-identified Health Information means health information that is not individually identifiable health information. A covered entity may determine that health information is not individually identifiable health information only if: (1) a person with appropriate knowledge of and experience with generally accepted statistical and scientific principles and methods for rendering information not individually identifiable determines that the risk is very small that the information could be used, alone or in combination with other available information, to identify an individual, and documents the methods and results of the analysis; or (2) the following identifiers of the individual, relatives, employers or household members of the individual are removed:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Street address, city, county, precinct, zip code and equivalent geocodes;
- (3) All elements of dates (except year) for dates directly related to an individual and all ages over 89;
- (4) Telephone number;
- (5) Fax number;
- (6) Electronic mail address;
- (7) Social Security Number;
- (8) Medical record numbers;
- (9) Health plan ID numbers;
- (10) Account numbers
- (11) Certificate/license numbers;
- (12) Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers;
- (13) Device identifiers and serial numbers
- (14) Web addresses (URLs);
- (15) Internet IP addresses;
- (16) Biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints;
- (17) Full face photographic images and any comparable images; and
- (18) Any other unique identifying number, characteristic or code.
- (19) Patient initials