

My health Record privacy measures pass the Senate

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The Federal Government has passed new My Health Record privacy and security protections through the Senate.

The Federal Health Minister Mr Greg Hunt stated in a Media Release dated 15 November 2018 that (Media Release) these privacy measures "further protect the health information of Australians".

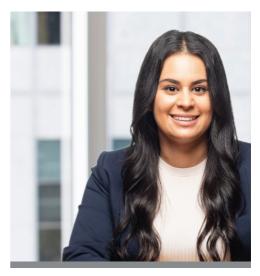
The new privacy measures include:

- tougher penalties for those that misuse the system;
- strengthening provisions to safeguard against domestic violence;
- prohibiting employers from requesting and using health information from an individual's My Health Record;
- · ensuring no health information or de-identified data can be released to insurers.

The senate has also passed amendments that law enforcement agencies can only access a person's My Health Record with a warrant or court order, and anyone who chooses to cancel a record at any time will have that record permanently deleted.

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