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An Overview of the New e-Discovery Rule



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This presentation will provide an overview of the 2006 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on e-discovery and review of how the law has developed under the amendments over the last year. In addition, this session will provide a summary of what the states are doing.

The court systems have changed their rules for the discovery of electronically stored information, including issues such as compliance with litigation holds, spoliation of evidence, potential sanctions, and safe harbors. As health care organizations become more entrenched in technology and migrate toward electronic health records, the new rules can have an impact on an organization's ability to respond to litigation in a complete and efficient manner. Proper awareness preparation and compliance are critical to effectively mitigating the financial and litigation risks.

The new e-discovery rule has a number of compliance aspects. Healthcare organizations have vast amounts of electronically stored information that must be identified, properly managed, retained, and destroyed in compliance with the organization's policies. Compliance professionals will be a critical component of the organizations' multi-disciplinary litigation response program to ensure adherence to critical processes. This session helps professionals understand the rule, highlights the important compliance issues, and outlines a litigation response plan.



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