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HIPAA and PHI in Billing Workflows Infographic

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Resource type	Infographic
Who it is for	Medical VAs, billers, schedulers, receptionists, AR follow-up specialists, prior authorization VAs, and healthcare admin beginners.
When to use it	Use before practicing, building portfolio samples, writing notes, handling screenshots, or discussing workflow examples.
How to use it	Use the visual as a privacy checkpoint: is the data necessary, authorized, secure, and fictional if used for practice?
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Core learning rule: Where does this happen? Why does it matter? What happens if it is wrong?

Infographic content

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Privacy matters in administrative healthcare work too.

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WHO	Medical VAs, billers, schedulers, AR, authorization, and RCM beginners.
WHEN	Use before creating any practice file, portfolio sample, note, script, or tracker.
HOW	Check whether the information is necessary, authorized, secure, and fictional if used for practice.

Workflow stage: All healthcare admin workflow stages

<p>PHI appears in admin work</p> <p>Names, DOBs, member IDs, claim data, diagnoses, payment details, and care-related information can be PHI.</p>	<p>Use approved systems</p> <p>Do not move patient/account details into personal apps, public documents, or unsecured channels.</p>
<p>Minimum necessary</p> <p>Use only the details needed for the assigned task.</p>	<p>Role-based access</p> <p>Access only accounts and information you are authorized to handle.</p>
<p>Practice safely</p> <p>Use fictional examples for portfolios, templates, scripts, and study trackers.</p>	<p>Document carefully</p> <p>Do not over-share details in notes. Follow employer/client documentation rules.</p>
<p>Protect files and screens</p> <p>Secure devices, passwords, downloads, screenshots, and shared folders.</p>	<p>Escalate privacy doubts</p> <p>If unsure, ask supervisor/client compliance contact instead of guessing.</p>

COMMON MISTAKE AVOIDED
Thinking privacy only matters in clinical care, not billing, verification, payment posting, denials, or AR follow-up.

NO-PHI REMINDER
Do not use or enter real patient names, dates of birth, insurance IDs, member IDs, claim numbers, medical record numbers, addresses, phone numbers, diagnoses, treatment details, login details, or protected health information. Use fictional data only when practicing.

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Workflow context

Administrative healthcare workers can handle PHI in scheduling, eligibility, claim submission, payment posting, denial follow-up, patient billing, medical records, and portal work. Privacy discipline is part of the workflow, not a separate topic.

Common beginner mistakes

- Believing privacy is only a clinical responsibility.
- Using real patient or client examples in public portfolio work.
- Sending details through unsecured personal channels.
- Accessing more information than needed for the task.
- Saving screenshots, downloads, or notes without approved safeguards.

Safe practice reminder

Practice with fictional examples only. Do not copy real work queues, payer portals, clinic notes, employer SOPs, screenshots, patient accounts, or client information into any practice file.

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Recommended next step

Next: before opening any tracker or template, confirm you are using fictional data only.