

In reference to RM-11699. I was reading this proposal & I have found it absurd where it mentions the HIPAA violations if ham radio is used to pass patient data during a disaster scenario. The great thing is ham radio is fast & simple to establish communications in all situations. Don't complicate it. I remember right after 9-11, President Bush stating that all public service systems would get an upgrade. It's quite obvious some regions have gotten this but many regions like my own still use the same systems set up in the 1950's. Talk about security & HIPAA issues. I listen to my radio scanner & hear patient information daily. The name & address of psych patients going for an involuntary admission. The medical history of one of my neighbors going to the hospital for chest pain. I listened to Scranton police during an armed stand off & the entire operation discussed on the radio. If the gunman had a scanner, the police would have been in big trouble. Without encryption I knew where the snipers were, where the breach team was, where they were going to enter, & what time. I am former members of the US Army Signals Intelligence community & former employee of the National Security Agency. I am also a Registered nurse. I know what security holes systems have & what patient data leaks are & how they can hurt people on blaring out their data for anybody with a simple scanner could pick up. Ham radio does not need encryption, what was promised by President Bush, updated, secure, reliable communications need to be introduced to the entire US, not just major areas. Thank you for your time & attention.