

Statement of HIPAA Compliance

Federal Regulations (45 CFR 164) may define a selected client as a Covered Entity under HIPAA, and certain data we may have access to as Protected Health Information because it contains personal identifiers. As such, DataStar may be required to act as a Business Associate under HIPAA.

In addition, we may have access to other types of confidential information (i.e., financial or employee records) which will need to be subject to the same stringent procedures and standards as Protected Health Information. The purpose of this document is to summarize our ability to provide a high level of protection for all confidential information within our control.

DataStar has undergone a comprehensive review of the administrative, physical, and technical safeguards necessary to reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the physical and electronic information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of our clients.

Current policies and procedures are in place to assure that:

- DataStar will not use confidential information for any purpose, except as required for the proper management and administration of any survey or data processing tasks we are engaged in.
- DataStar will implement and maintain appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of confidential information in any manner other than as required by contract.
- DataStar will ensure that any agents and subcontractors that receive confidential information from us agree to abide by the same restrictions and conditions that apply regarding confidential information, and to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect it.
- DataStar will report to the organization any use or disclosure that is made by our employees, representatives, agents or subcontractors that is not specifically permitted by agreement of which we become aware, and will mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a use or disclosure of confidential information.

Further documentation on specific policies and measures in place is available upon request. This Statement of HIPAA Compliance is meant for informational purposes only and not as a form of covenant, warranty, representation or guarantee of any kind. We encourage the use of Business Associate Agreements to address specific compliance requirements.