

National RN Population Health Nurse Certificate Program  
**Lecture Handout: Policy & System Drivers of Population Health**

**Population Health Alignments with Major Legislation**

<p><b>1996: HIPAA</b>          Healthcare Insurance Portability &amp; Accountability Act</p>	<p>Expanded in 2000; Established standards for electronic exchange, privacy, security of health information; specifically protects data regarding an individual’s past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition</p>
<p><b>2009: HITECH</b>          Health Information Technology &amp; Clinical Health Act</p>	<p>One of the first regulations to accelerate the application of health information technology, expectations of quality metrics; requires providers to demonstrate meaningful use from their electronic health records</p>
<p><b>2010: PPACA</b>          Patient Protection &amp; Affordable Care Act</p>	<p>Generated population health innovations in health promotion policies (community health needs assessments), access &amp; delivery of care initiatives (Medicaid state expansion), new models &amp; value-based reimbursement frameworks</p>
<p><b>2015: MACRA</b>          Medicare Access &amp; CHIP* Reauthorization Act          *Children’s Health Insurance Plan</p>	<p>Finalized major details on approaches for reimbursing new population health models &amp; is credited with shifting Medicare payments from a fee-for-service to value-based reimbursement system</p>
<p><b>2016: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act</b></p>	<p>Primarily focused on ensuring health information technology delivery related to advancing interoperability, prohibiting information blocking, &amp; enhancing useability, accessibility, privacy &amp; security of data</p>

Source: Hewitt, A.M. – Population Health: Practical Skills for Future Health Professionals