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Stinson LLP attorneys [Lisa Rippey](#) and [Elena Humphrey](#) authored an article for *The New York Law Journal* titled "Federal Court Invalidates Reproductive Health Privacy Rule: Strategic Compliance and HIPAA Implications." In the article, they examine the significant implications of a federal court's decision to vacate amendments to the HIPAA Privacy Rule which were intended to strengthen protections around reproductive health care data.

The article focuses on *Purl v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*, a June 18, 2025, decision from the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas that invalidates most of the 2024 HIPAA amendments. The court concluded that the Department of Health and Human Services exceeded its authority, holding that the rule unlawfully redefined key statutory terms and improperly conflicted with state laws on issues such as child abuse reporting and public health.

Rippey and Humphrey break down the rule's broad impact on HIPAA-covered entities and their business associates, outlining compliance strategies for navigating a fractured legal landscape where federal protections have been rolled back but state-level requirements remain. Their analysis underscores the legal uncertainty that remains for health care providers, insurers and employers in the wake of the *Purl* decision, as well as the need for proactive compliance planning.

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