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The ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI) has approved American Dental Association Technical Report No. 1095 for Electronic Resources for Access and Appraisal of Clinical Information. Working Groups of the ADA SCDI formulate this and other specifications and technical reports for the application of information technology and other electronic technologies to dentistry's clinical and administrative operations. The ADA SCDI has representation from appropriate interests in the United States in the standardization of information technology and other electronic technologies used in dental practice. The ADA SCDI confirmed approval of ADA Technical Report No. 1095 on January 16, 2018.

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### **FOREWORD**

(This Foreword does not form a part of American Dental Association Technical Report No. 1095 for Electronic Resources for Access and Appraisal of Clinical Information).

In 1992, there was interest in the standardization of clinical information systems related to electronic technology in the dental environment. After evaluating current informatics activities, a Task Group of the ANSI Accredited Standards Committee MD156 (ASC MD156) was created by the ADA to initiate the development of technical reports, guidelines, and standards on electronic technologies used in dental practice. In 1999, the ADA established the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI). The ADA SCDI is currently the group that reviews and approves proposed American National Standards (ANSI approved) and technical reports developed by the standards committee's working groups. The ADA became an ANSI accredited standards organization in 2000.

The scope of the ADA SCDI is:

*The ADA SCDI shall develop informatics standards, technical specifications, technical reports and guidelines and interact with other entities involved in the development of health informatics standards aimed at implementation across the dental profession.*

This document may provide information regarding legal implications of the security and privacy regulations. This document does not provide legal advice, and covered entities must work with their legal staff to address appropriate requirements. This document may serve as a tool to expedite an understanding of the necessary legal actions needed to address requirements, as well as federal and state legislation, as security and privacy has an impact on many aspects of dentistry.

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