Porn Actors' Medical Files Are Targets of AHF Subpoenas

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The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is serving subpoenas to sexual health testing centers, asking them to turn over private medical files of adult film actors, according to the Free Speech Coalition (FSC), which is a trade group for the porn industry.

The subpoenas are part of ongoing litigation by AHF regarding Measure B, the County of Los Angeles law that requires the use of condoms in all pornographic scenes that include vaginal or anal sex.

The request of confidential, private medical records is a violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), writes FSC on its website, adding: "As a health care provider schooled in patient privacy, AHF should be ashamed. AHF is hoping that by combing through patients' private medical records, they can find something that would serve their political campaign.

"These subpoenas are unconscionable, indecent and offensive. Performers deserve better than to have would be 'porn czar' [and AHF president] Michael Weinstein peaking through their blinds and snooping through their private medical records. We call on Michael Weinstein to call off this noxious campaign, and for the board of AIDS Healthcare Foundation to #RemoveWeinstein."

The FSC urges adult performers to contact their testing facilities and assert their legal protections; the FSC also includes a draft letter that employees of the adult industry can use.

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