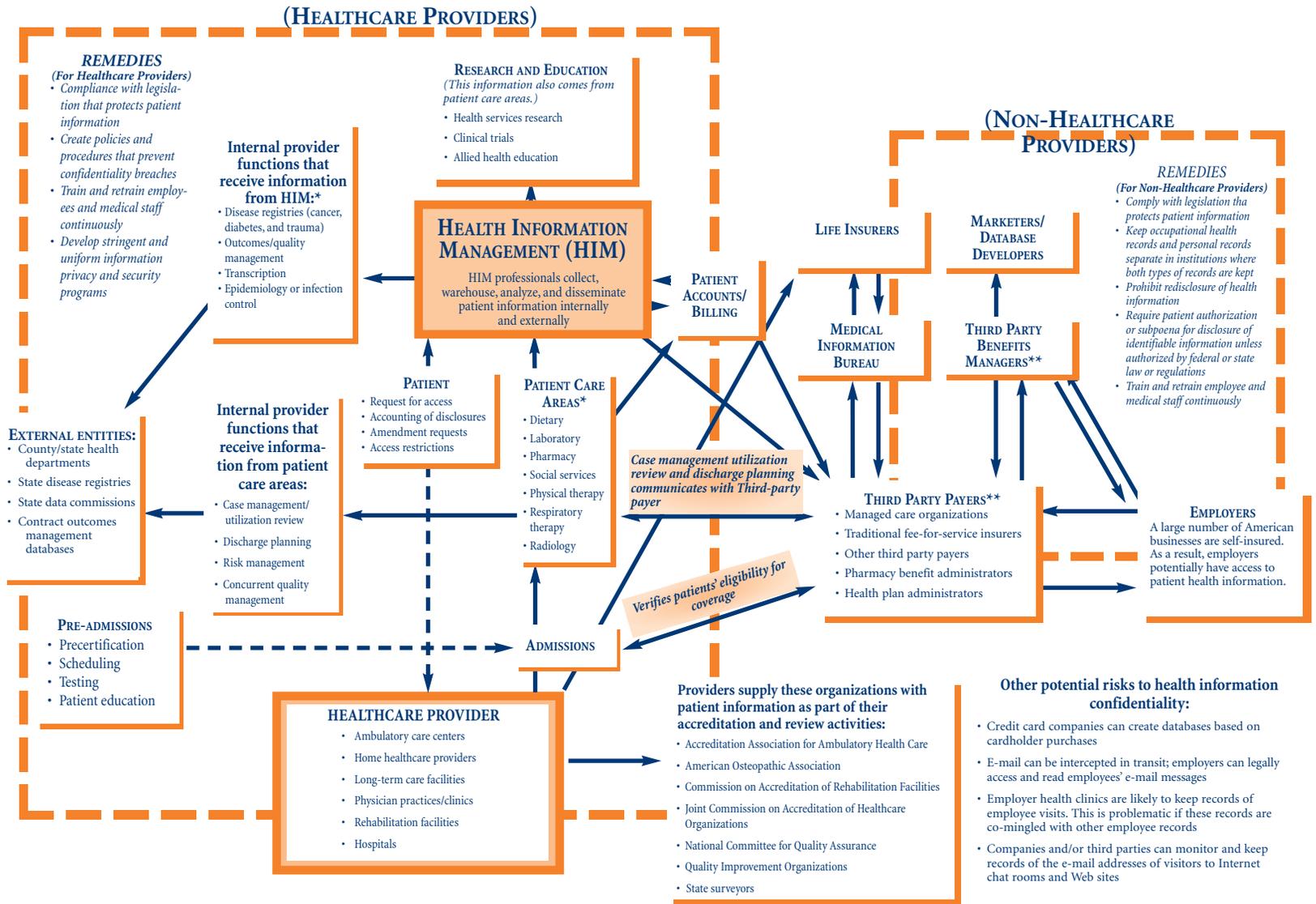


# Flow of Patient Health Information Inside and Outside the Healthcare Industry

The American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA's) "Flow of Patient Health Information Inside and Outside the Healthcare Industry" chart is divided into two groups: healthcare providers and non-healthcare providers. To read the chart, first determine which group you belong to, then follow the flow of health information to examine the many interrelationships that exist. There is no single starting point for this chart. As in everyday use of health information, the starting point depends on the end use of the information. Traditionally, the originating source of all health information is the treatment record. Increasingly, however, health information can originate from any access point. Healthcare entities are facing the challenge of how to successfully manage and protect this health information as it moves across the continuum of care.



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\* Some organizations outsource these functions in their activities. Some may not participate in the activities designated on this page.

\*\* Organizations may vary