

Lockdown Mode and HIPAA

Whisperstream is a Windows dictation app from Lanreal Technologies Inc. This one-page summary explains what Lockdown Mode does and why, when it is on, Lanreal does not act as a business associate for this workflow and there is no Business Associate Agreement to sign. You can keep this document in your own compliance records.

Why there is no Business Associate Agreement

A business associate is a third party that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits protected health information on your behalf. In Lockdown Mode, your audio and transcripts stay on your device, and Lanreal never receives them. Because nothing leaves your machine and no third party handles your information for this workflow, there is no business associate and no Business Associate Agreement to sign.

Turning off Lockdown Mode and choosing a cloud AI provider would send text to that provider and change this analysis. Lockdown Mode blocks all cloud providers to keep the workflow on your device.

What Lockdown Mode does

When Lockdown Mode is on, Whisperstream runs entirely on your computer. Your microphone audio is transcribed on your device, AI cleanup uses an on-device model, and cloud providers are turned off. Nothing you dictate leaves your machine. These features are designed to align with the HIPAA Security Rule technical safeguards in 45 CFR 164.312:

- **Access control** (164.312(a)(1)). Your transcript history is locked behind a password. A key derived from that password wraps the encryption key. Without your password or your one-time recovery code, the history stays encrypted.
- **Automatic logoff** (164.312(a)(2)(iii)). Transcripts lock again automatically after a period of inactivity that you set.
- **Encryption at rest** (164.312(a)(2)(iv)). Transcript history is encrypted at rest with AES-256-GCM.
- **Audit controls** (164.312(b)). A private, content-free access log records when your history is opened, locked, and unlocked, and when an unlock fails. It never records what your transcripts say, and it stays on your device.
- **Integrity** (164.312(c)). The authenticated encryption used for transcript history is designed to detect tampering, which helps confirm your transcripts have not been altered.
- **Person authentication** (164.312(d)). Opening transcript history requires your password, and repeated failed attempts trigger escalating delays.
- **Transmission security** (164.312(e)). In Lockdown Mode your audio, transcripts, and dictated text are never transmitted off your device, so there is no ePHI in transit to secure.

What this is not

- This is not a HIPAA certification. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services does not certify or approve any product as HIPAA compliant.
- This is not legal advice. It describes how the software handles your data so you can evaluate it for your own program.

What remains your responsibility

Lockdown Mode addresses certain technical safeguards. As the covered entity or business associate, you remain responsible for the rest of your HIPAA program, including:

- **Administrative safeguards** (164.308). Your risk analysis, policies, and workforce training.
- **Physical safeguards** (164.310). Facility access and device controls.
- **Unique user identification**. Whisperstream relies on your Windows account to identify the user. The Lockdown password is a second gate on the transcript history, not a separate identity for each person who shares the device.
- **Recovery**. If you lose both your password and your recovery code, your transcripts cannot be recovered.

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