

Cloud Services for Members of the Yale's Covered Components

1. Can I use Dropbox or other personal cloud storage services?

No. By law, Yale has a duty to protect HIPAA data and track access to that data. Yale is not able to account for access to HIPAA data in these cloud services. Therefore, using this is not allowed by Yale policy. Also, these cloud service providers have not agreed to protect Yale's HIPAA data as required by HIPAA — if something goes wrong, complete responsibility will likely fall to you.

2. I hear that Yale uses Box.net, can I use that service?

Maybe. Yale offers two versions of the Box.net service. As a member of one of Yale's HIPAA Covered Components, you may use the Yale *Secure Box* service (<https://yalesecure.app.box.com>). Yale has configured Yale Secure Box to meet HIPAA's requirements. You may not use the standard Yale Box service.

You can read more about the Yale Secure Box Service on the ITS Website: <http://its.yale.edu/services/email-and-collaboration-services/document-sharing-and-team-sites/secure-box>.