

HIPAA/HITECH Services



COMPASS IT COMPLIANCE

HIPAA Compliance Assessments and Audits

Verify compliance with both the Privacy and Security Rule, including:

- Risks and Vulnerabilities to Protected Health Information
- Identification of reasonably anticipated threats to Protected Health Information
- Gaps in current controls meant to assure the secure creation, transmission, or storage of Protected Health Information

EHR Risk Assessments

When implementing Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems, Compass looks at all IT and organizational components, such as:

- Servers and Networks supporting the system
- All information and data exchange interfaces with other systems
- All end devices used to access EHR
- All related people, processes, policies, and procedures

Risk Assessments of Business Associates

Assess their security practices and handling of Protected Health Information:

- A proven approach to gathering information from vendors
- Identification of risk by vendor and compliance area
- Clear recommendations for action and follow up



The goal of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is to simplify the administrative processes of the healthcare system and to protect patients' privacy. Information security considerations play a major role in the Privacy Rule of HIPAA Compliance

1996: HIPAA

Covered entities (hospitals, insurance companies, physicians, etc.) are required to take "reasonable and appropriate" measures to protect the privacy and security of personally identifiable health information. HIPAA mandates that health data shared with a business associate or vendor must also be protected.

2009: HITECH

A key driver for the passage of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) was to encourage the adoption of Electronic Health Records (EHR) without increasing public concern about the security of these records. As a natural consequence, HITECH raised the stakes for any HIPAA non-compliance and also dictated the prompt notification of any data breach to affected individuals, increased enforcement of data security and privacy requirements, and instituted significant financial penalties for non-compliance.

Compass IT Compliance

2 Asylum Road, North Providence, RI 02904

www.compassitc.com | 888-254-2482 | Info@compassitc.com