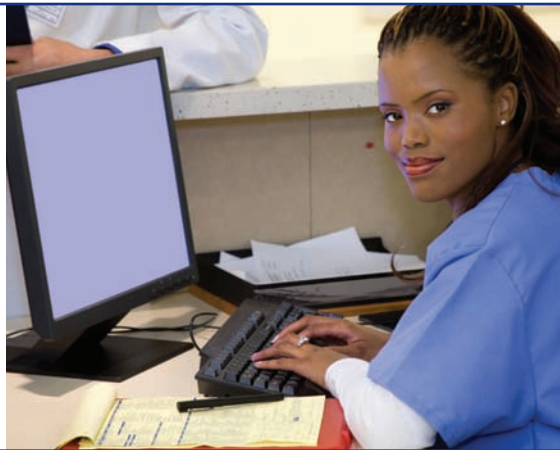


HIPAA: Addressing Security Standards and Regulations

As part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), covered entities are required to implement a series of administrative, technical, and physical security procedures to assure the confidentiality of protected health information (PHI). Published in the Federal Register on February 20, 2003, the Final Rule delineates security standards into “required” or “addressable” implementation specifications.

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If your organization is a covered entity—that is, a health plan, healthcare provider, or healthcare clearinghouse—or a business associate handling protected health information (PHI) on behalf of a covered entity, you must address the safeguards outlined in the Final Rule. And, chances are, your

organization has already begun implementing the necessary administrative, technical, and physical procedures.

Even so, achieving HIPAA compliance is a complex, ongoing process. Organizations often benefit from expert assistance in developing, implementing, and managing an information security program. Just as important, a third party can provide an objective evaluation of your current efforts and how well they stack up to HIPAA and other security standards.

About Allied InfoSecurity, Inc.

An independent company focused only on security and staffed by certified security professionals, Allied InfoSecurity is a consulting and outsourcing provider that helps businesses improve and manage their information security programs, mitigate risk, and respond to regulatory and marketplace demands more quickly and effectively than they could on their own.

For that kind of objective, expert assistance, turn to Allied InfoSecurity. Our team of certified security professionals has in-depth knowledge of and experience with the security requirements within HIPAA. We offer a full complement of capabilities to help you address the initial and ongoing activities required by HIPAA. Through our unique Security TouchStone™ Certification Services, we can provide an objective assessment of your information security program against specific criteria outlined in HIPAA, as well as criteria within ISO/IEC standards.

In addition to those comprehensive capabilities, Allied InfoSecurity offers a uniquely flexible delivery platform. This platform allows you to contract for our capabilities in several ways—giving you the ability to choose the right approach for your business.

Activities Required by HIPAA

| Activity | Frequency Required by HIPAA | HIPAA Reference |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Secure Configuration Design | Once, followed by annual or as-needed reviews/updates | 164.312 |
| Identity Management | Once, followed by quarterly reviews | 164.312(a)(1) |
| PKI Configuration Design | Once, followed by annual or as-needed reviews/changes | 164.312(a)(1) |
| Information Security Risk Assessment and Compliance Gap Analysis | Annually | 164.308(a)(1) |
| Vulnerability Scanning | Quarterly or more, depending on risk | 164.308(a)(8) |
| Penetration Testing | Annually or more often, depending on risk | 164.308(a)(8) |
| Security Awareness | Once, followed by annual updates | 164.308(a)(5) |
| Policy and Procedure Development | Once, followed by annual updates | 164.308(a)(1) |
| Stored Data Inventory and Review | Optional/Annually | 164.308(a)(1) |
| Third-Party Vendor Review | Optional/Annually | 164.314 |
| Incident Response | Once, followed by quarterly reviews | 164.308(a)(6) |
| Security or Privacy Individual Required | Ongoing | 164.308(a)(2) |

Our service delivery options include:

- **Allied TouchPoint™ Services.**

This services set includes a full range of project-based information security services—such as program development, assessment, certification, and testing. These are individual services designed to address specific programmatic and/or technical needs vis-à-vis the HIPAA requirements.

- **Allied TouchStone™ Security Certification Services.**

A subset of our Allied TouchPoint Services, the Allied TouchStone Certification Services leverage our proprietary Allied InfoSecurity Appraisal System™. We use this system to evaluate the quality of your information security program and its compliance with HIPAA security requirements. If your program meets

our requirements, we will attest to the adequacy of your efforts through a formal certification process.

- **Allied Partnership Services.**

In addition to our a la carte services, we also offer this framework of longer-term contractual agreements. Ranging from basic incident response services to highly flexible retainer services to partial or full-scale outsourcing, Allied Partnership Services allow for a truly customized relationship that reflects your current and future needs.

With comprehensive capabilities and an eminently flexible approach to service delivery, Allied InfoSecurity is your best choice for addressing HIPAA now—and in the future. To learn more about how we can help your organization, please visit our website at www.alliedinfosecurity.com or call us at 866-240-0094.

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