



# HIPAA Compliance Privacy & Security Assessments

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Compliance with the **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)** in the healthcare provider environment involves taking actions to address the privacy and security of **Protected Health Information (PHI)** and documenting those specific actions as required by the regulations. It also means adequately training staff personnel on the specific portions of the regulations that affect their job functions and ensuring that periodic training updates occur on regulatory changes or court rulings.

HIPAA Solutions, LC offers healthcare providers, including hospitals, physicians and clinics, resources to assess the compliance status which can pinpoint areas of vulnerability and provide recommendations to remediate those areas.



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## Compliance Assessment Process

The process of complying with the Privacy and Security rules of HIPAA involves qualified legal and technical experts conducting an in depth analysis of the daily activity of the technology and business processes in an organization to determine the uses of PHI in individual job functions and the use, storage, information exchange inside and outside of the organization, and the process of documenting those exchanges. The **“Minimum Necessary”** rule of HIPAA (i.e. staff access to PHI should be limited to only that amount of PHI necessary to perform job functions) should also be applied to all uses of PHI.

The **Security** rules require that network and IT security be implemented to protect vulnerability to intrusion or inappropriate access to PHI, either from outside or inside of the organization. In addition, HIPAA requires that records of disclosures of PHI be maintained for six years, so adequate redundancy, backup and disaster recovery infrastructure should be in place. Encryption of files or records containing PHI and security of networks is important

HIPAA Solutions, LC can provide cost effective and reliable consulting and assessment resources to assist healthcare providers with assessments of compliance status. HSLC consultants can provide high quality resource with minimal intrusion or disruption of daily operations to ensure that risks of non-compliance are minimized for any healthcare provider. Contact HSLC today to request an assessment.

## IS YOUR ORGANIZATION COMPLIANT WITH HIPAA?

How do you ensure that you are complying with the Privacy and Security rules of HIPAA?

Did you do an in depth audit of the organization and apply the minimum necessary rule to job functions?

What type of documentation do you keep on your compliance activities in the event of an audit?

How do you manage the accounting of disclosures for transactions involving PHI?

In the event of a government audit, how would you be able to quickly provide any required information?

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