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# HIPAA/HITECH ACT SECURITY AND PRIVACY CONSULTING

Compliance with the detailed requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act regulations is a challenging and time-consuming task. These regulations are in place to protect the personal information of patients, and compliance is mandatory. However, many organizations are short on staff or simply don't have the resources with the appropriate knowledge to manage the required compliance demands and address any security concerns.

### Protecting patient privacy

Failure to adequately protect personal health information could lead to significant fines as well as civil monetary penalties. These repercussions can total hundreds of thousands and even millions of dollars and can have a detrimental effect on the ability to provide patient care. The potential financial losses, as well as significant goodwill and reputational damage with patient and industry communities, emphasize the critical importance of compliance with HIPAA and the HITECH Act.

### Our services

We understand the unique regulatory challenges your organization faces to help comply with existing guidelines and identify where any security gaps may exist. Our information security and privacy consultants have extensive experience in evaluating organizational processes to help ensure they are compliant and sufficient controls are in place. We deliver data security and privacy solutions to a variety of health care organizations. Some of our HIPAA and HITECH Act compliance-related services include:

**Readiness review:** We help you determine how ready your organization is to comply with existing regulations, including reviewing documentation, interviewing selected managers and making general observations.

**Compliance assessment:** We initiate an assessment that includes an in-depth review and analysis of policies, procedures and documentation, interviews with staff and testing existing processes and controls.

**Risk assessment:** We perform an accurate, thorough assessment in compliance with HIPAA and HITECH Act regulations, recording potential risks and vulnerabilities to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of protected health information.

**Policies and procedures update:** We assist you in adding to or updating your HIPAA and HITECH Act policies and procedures based on findings of a readiness review or compliance assessment. Our experienced consultants can also assist in developing and implementing these policies and procedures.

**Self-assessment training:** We utilize industry best practices, including training your personnel on how to conduct a HIPAA or HITECH Act compliance self-assessment. Training can be customized to attendees' experience levels.

### Our approach

Our services are designed to help ensure full compliance with HIPAA and the HITECH Act and provide confirmation that your patient data is secure and credible. Our team works with you to understand the boundaries and overall business risks apparent within your organization. We conduct both automated and manual testing to validate findings and identify the root cause of any vulnerabilities.

We implement a multilayer security plan, significantly reducing the risk of attack by increasing the time, costs and resources required by an attacker to gain unauthorized access. Our defense-in-depth strategy ensures overlapping security controls on multiple layers of your information security architecture.

## **The RSM advantage**

We have provided information security services for over 15 years and perform hundreds of assessments on an annual basis. As a leading national provider of industry-focused professional services, our local consultants understand your challenges in complying with HIPAA and HITECH Act standards.

Our senior-level professionals work with you to customize a compliance plan that fits your organization's structure and culture while ensuring that issues and opportunities are addressed early to avoid surprises. We share our skills, experience and knowledge of best practices while taking the time to understand your concerns and the goals of your organization.

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