



HIPAA SECURITY TIP – JULY 2007

RISK ANALYSIS

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Recently, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) launched audits for compliance with the HIPAA regulation. We are now witnessing a new era of HIPAA Privacy and Security enforcement. To comply with the HIPAA regulation, organizations must complete on a regular schedule several activities including a thorough risk analysis, development of disaster management plans, training of all employees and conduct a comprehensive audit. The focus of this HIPAA Security Tip is on Risk Analysis – the first implementation specification defined in the regulation.

Risk Analysis is a required implementation specification addressed in **§ 164.308(a)(1) (ii) (A)** of the HIPAA Security Rule. The regulation requires that organizations conduct an accurate and thorough assessment of the potential risks and vulnerabilities to the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EPHI held by the covered entity.

Risk assessments typically include the following steps:

- Determine system characterization:
 - Hardware, software
 - System interfaces
 - Data and information
 - People
- Identify any vulnerability or weaknesses in security procedures or safeguards.
- Identify events that can negatively impact security.
- Identify current controls in place
- Identify the potential impact that a security breach could have on an organization's operations or assets, including loss of integrity, availability, or confidentiality.
- Recommend security controls for the information and the system, including all the technical and non- technical protections in place to address security concerns.
- Determine residual risk.
- Document all outputs and outcomes from the risk assessment activities

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COMPLIMENTARY HIPAA PRIVACY AUDIT

The HIPAA Academy, the gold standard in HIPAA training, certification and consulting services, is offering an eight point HIPAA Privacy Audit at NO CHARGE!

Our Commitment to You:

1. Review your Notice of Privacy Practices (NOPP)
2. Ensure Patient Rights policies are in place and appropriately documented
3. Ensure Procedures are in place to comply with Patient Rights
4. Review Business Associate Contracts (BAC)
5. Review all training materials, policies and procedures to ensure HIPAA Privacy Rule requirements are met
6. Review the credentials and job description of the Privacy Officer
7. Review the office lobby and other open access areas of the facility for potential privacy breach concerns
8. Review the Sanction policy and associated documents such as termination procedures)

Our Deliverable to You:

A complete report of our findings – in an organized format - outlining the information in the document based on the HIPAA Privacy Rule. This document will provide you with a blue print for HIPAA Privacy Compliance with areas of concern listed in order of importance based on the level of risk and non-compliance.

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What the Law States:

The HIPAA Security Rule within the scope of the Security Awareness and Training Standard (**§ 164.308(a)(5)**) requires healthcare organizations to send periodic security updates to members of the workforce, business associates and contractors.

Our Commitment to You:

Each month, the HIPAA Academy will email to all members of your workforce a HIPAA Security Tip. This is a valuable reminder to employees and others about raising security awareness in key areas. The HIPAA Security Tip reinforces important security guidelines and enables your employees to be more knowledgeable about the legislation and the continued need to manage all Protected Health Information (PHI) in a reasonable and appropriate way.

Please contact Ms. Rainey Johnson at 1.877.899.9974 x20 to add members of your workforce to receive monthly HIPAA tips.