



HIPAA SECURITY TIP – JUNE 2007

SECURITY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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Information Security Policies and Procedures are addressed in § 164.316(a) of the HIPAA Security Rule. The regulation requires that organizations implement reasonable and appropriate policies and procedures to comply with the standards and implementation specifications of the HIPAA Security Rule. An organization may change its policies and procedures at any time, provided that the changes are documented and implemented.

Organizations must periodically evaluate written policies and procedures to verify that:

- Policies and procedures are sufficient to address the standards, implementation specifications and other requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule.
- Policies and procedures accurately reflect the actual activities and practices exhibited by the covered entity, its staff, its systems, and its business associates.

Organizations should change information security policies and procedures as is reasonable and appropriate, at any time, provided that the changes are documented and implemented in accordance with the requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule.

A few examples of specific policies and procedures that organizations must develop include:

- Risk analysis policy
- Sanction policy
- Information system activity review policy
- Termination procedures
- Security incident procedures

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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)

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- Regulatory compliance and how it is seriously influencing policy and technology priorities in healthcare organizations
- The impact of genomics on healthcare and its influence on personalized medicine

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