Since the passage of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act was passed in 1996, Healthcare Organizations large and small have adopted processes and safeguards to ensure the privacy and security of Protected Health Information. HIPAA's privacy and security rules established a baseline of confidentiality and security protections for patients' demographic and health information in all forms—paper, oral, and electronic. The evolution of health information technology has resulted in additional risks. The HITECH Act, adopted in 2009, builds on the privacy and security rules and criteria to further address these new risks.

With the passage of the HITECH, additional emphasis was placed on the responsibility of Healthcare entities that utilize Electronic Protected Health Information to insure that the data is held safe and secure. Simply choosing and installing a HIPAA compliant Electronic Medical Records or Patient Management software does not guarantee HIPAA compliance within your practice. Additionally, HIPAA Security compliance is now an integral part of the Meaningful Use definition.

What can an ATMP Solutions HIPAA Security Compliance Assessment do for you?

- Project Management will be provided by HIPAA certified and Healthcare Industry recognized professionals
- Conduct an accurate and thorough analysis of your practice’s current HIPAA Security compliance status
- Examine the HIPAA compliance status of your Electronic Medical Records and Patient Management software vendor to help you better understand your level of risk
- Provide a Gap Analysis and baseline remediation plan that is written in understandable and non-technical language
- Offer standard documentation templates and sample plans that address HIPAA requirements and significantly reduce the time required to meet compliance
- Manage the remediation plan to completion
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About the HIPAA Security Rule

Title II of the HIPAA Act includes requirements for Security Standards in addition to Privacy and Electronic Data Interchange requirements. The Security Rule describes the security requirements that healthcare entities must follow in order to be in compliance with the Administrative Simplification portion of HIPAA Title II.

Administrative Safeguards are actions, policies, and procedures to manage the selection, development, implementation, and maintenance of security measures to protect Electronic Protected Health Information; and to manage the conduct of the workforce in relation to the protection of that information.

Physical Safeguards are physical measures, policies, and procedures to protect a practice’s electronic information systems, related facilities, and equipment, from natural and environmental hazards and unauthorized intrusion.

Technical Safeguards are the technologies, policies, and procedures for the use, control of access, and security of Electronic Protected Health Information.

HITECH and the HIPAA Security Rule

- Fines for non-compliance with HIPAA have increased significantly with the introduction of the HITECH Act. Organizations can now be fined up to $1,500,000 per calendar year.
- Individuals who have been affected by a HIPAA data breach can receive a percentage of a civil monetary penalty or monetary settlement.
- Organizations that have a data breach affecting more than 500 people will incur monetary expenses associated with notifying the affected people and major media outlets.
- Enforcement offices will be partly funded by the levied HIPAA fines.

ATMP Solutions can assess your HIPAA Security Compliance