



Business Associate Monitor Program for Covered Entities



The HITECH Act requires that providers implement policies, procedures and technical controls to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic PHI data. The Act also tightened breach notification requirements, increased financial liability amounts and established that Covered Entities are liable for their Business Associates.

CompliancePoint's Information Security practice group understands the challenges that you face in managing risk associated with your Business Associates and offers a comprehensive risk management program. Our program goes further than your standard Business Associate agreement by requiring a valid Report of Compliance from affiliated organizations, providing prioritization and risk mitigation advisory services, and providing a security incident response team by a Certified HIPAA Security Professional firm.

This Program leverages our Compliance Automation Portal which provides a standard interface for all Business Associates to enter compliance activities. You get clear visibility into any risks that exist throughout your Business Associate network. And, our team of compliance professionals work to ease the compliance burden from your organization and to help ensure that your Business Associates meet relevant regulatory requirements.

CompliancePoint's Risk Assessment For Healthcare Business Associates

Our Risk Assessment assists management in establishing requirements for state and federal agencies by assessing the general and application control requirements throughout your Business Associate's various business functions.

The purpose of this assessment is multi-fold:

- To ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of PHI data
- To identify existing vulnerabilities throughout your organization
- To provide management visibility into Business Associate compliance status
- To provide a detailed corrective action plan and recommendations to protect against external threats
- To serve as a baseline assessment in preparation for regulatory audits and for all future information security program initiatives

Elements Of Analysis

The elements of analysis within our Risk Management Assessment fall into these broad categories:

- **General rules for security standards** — includes the general requirements that Business Associates must meet, identifies standards and implementation specifications, outlines decisions regarding implementation specifications and ongoing maintenance
- **Administrative safeguards** — includes how Business Associates will manage and protect PHI

- **Physical safeguards** — covers the policies and procedures for protecting PHI systems, related equipment and buildings from natural and environmental hazards and unauthorized intrusion
- **Technical safeguards** — includes the technology, policies and procedures to protect PHI and who can access it
- **Organizational requirements** — includes standards for contracts with Business Associates
- **Policies, procedures & documentation requirements** — covers the maintenance of written documentation (including electronic versions) of policies, procedures, activities or assessments required by the security rule

Benefits Of Recommending Our Services To Your Business Associates

- Offers a comprehensive approach to meeting and maintaining compliance initiatives throughout your ePHI ecosystem
- Allows your resources to focus on your own compliance initiatives
- Provides compliance status visibility to both the Covered Entity and the Business Associate through our standard portal interface
- Reduces your overall risk of financial penalties and damage to your organization's reputation
- Reduces your costs