

# Navigating HIPAA/HITECH Regulatory Compliance



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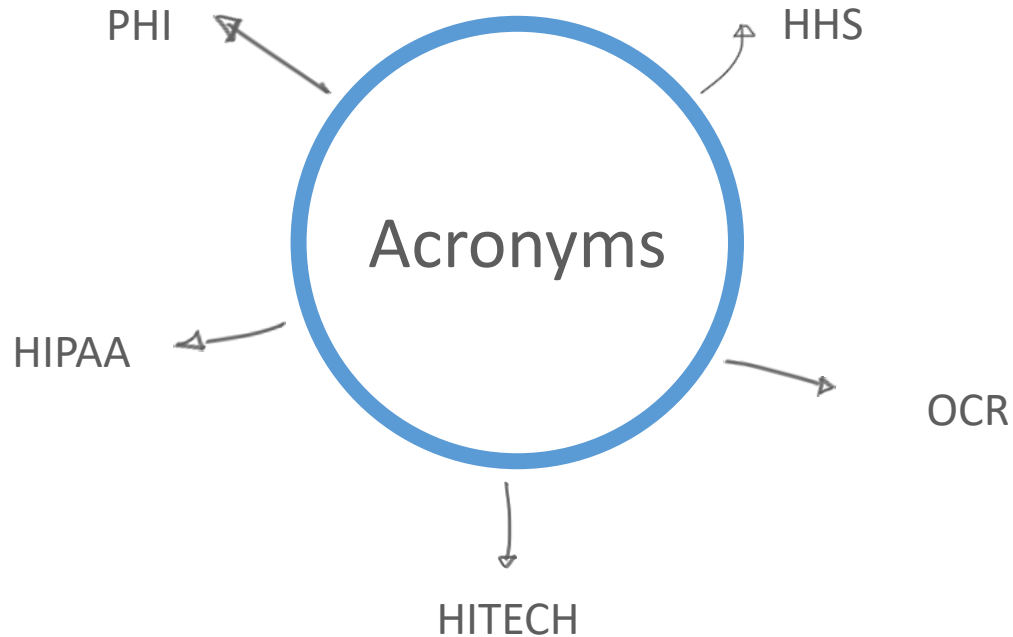
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Questions & Answers



Always available via email to answer any questions

# TERMS YOU MAY HEAR ...



Anyone who is not handling patients directly

# TOP 5 REASONS FOR CONDUCTING A HIPAA/HITECH ASSESSMENT

1. Frequent threat of security breaches
2. First set of documents requested by OCR/CMS auditors
3. Security best practices, identify areas to improve
4. Avoid Civil Money Penalties (CMP)
5. Maintain patient trust



# LATEST HHS SETTLEMENTS

Careless handling of HIV information jeopardizes patient's privacy, costs entity \$387k - May 23, 2017

Texas health system settles potential HIPAA violations for disclosing patient information - May 10, 2017

\$2.5 million settlement shows that not understanding HIPAA requirements creates risk – April 24, 2017

No Business Associate Agreement? \$31K Mistake - April 20, 2017  
Overlooking risks leads to breach, \$400,000 settlement - April 12, 2017

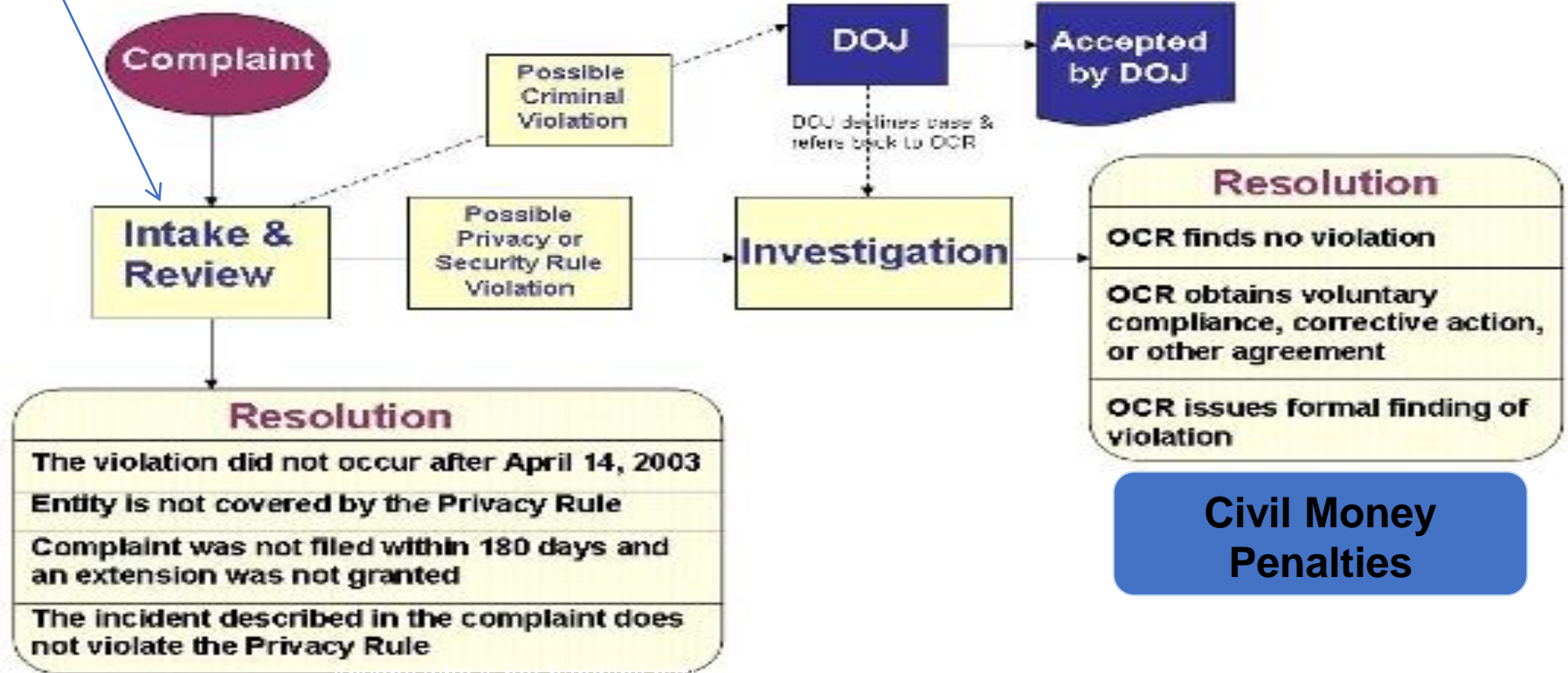
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Settlements and CMP are not the same

OCR  
Audit  
Program

# HIPAA Privacy & Security Rule Complaint Process





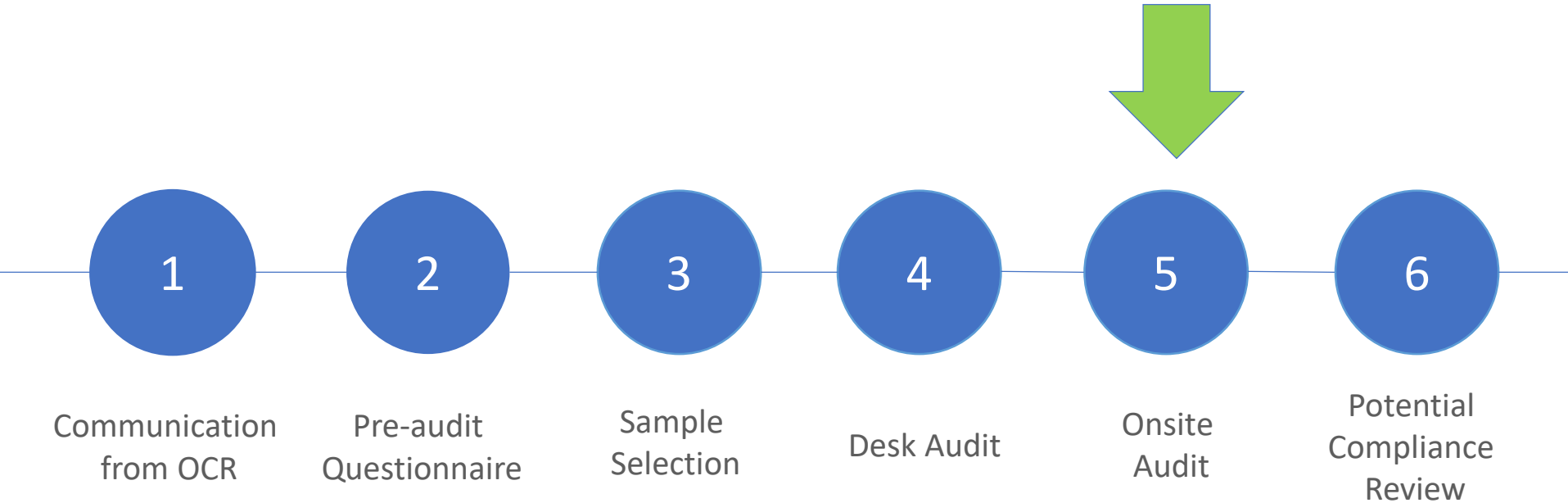
# CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES

Violation category	Each violation
Did Not Know	<b>\$100–\$50,000</b>
Reasonable Cause	<b>1,000–50,000</b>
Willful Neglect-Corrected	<b>10,000–50,000</b>
Willful Neglect-Not Corrected	<b>50,000</b>

- Max. of \$1.5m per calendar year
- No. of days violated
- No. of regulatory provisions violated

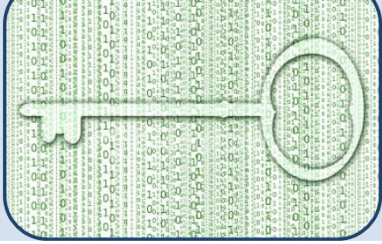


# HIPAA PHASE 2 AUDIT



# HIPAA/HITECH RULES

Review



## Privacy

- Confidentiality of PHI



## Security

- Protection of ePHI



## Breach

- Notification

Enforcement/Audit



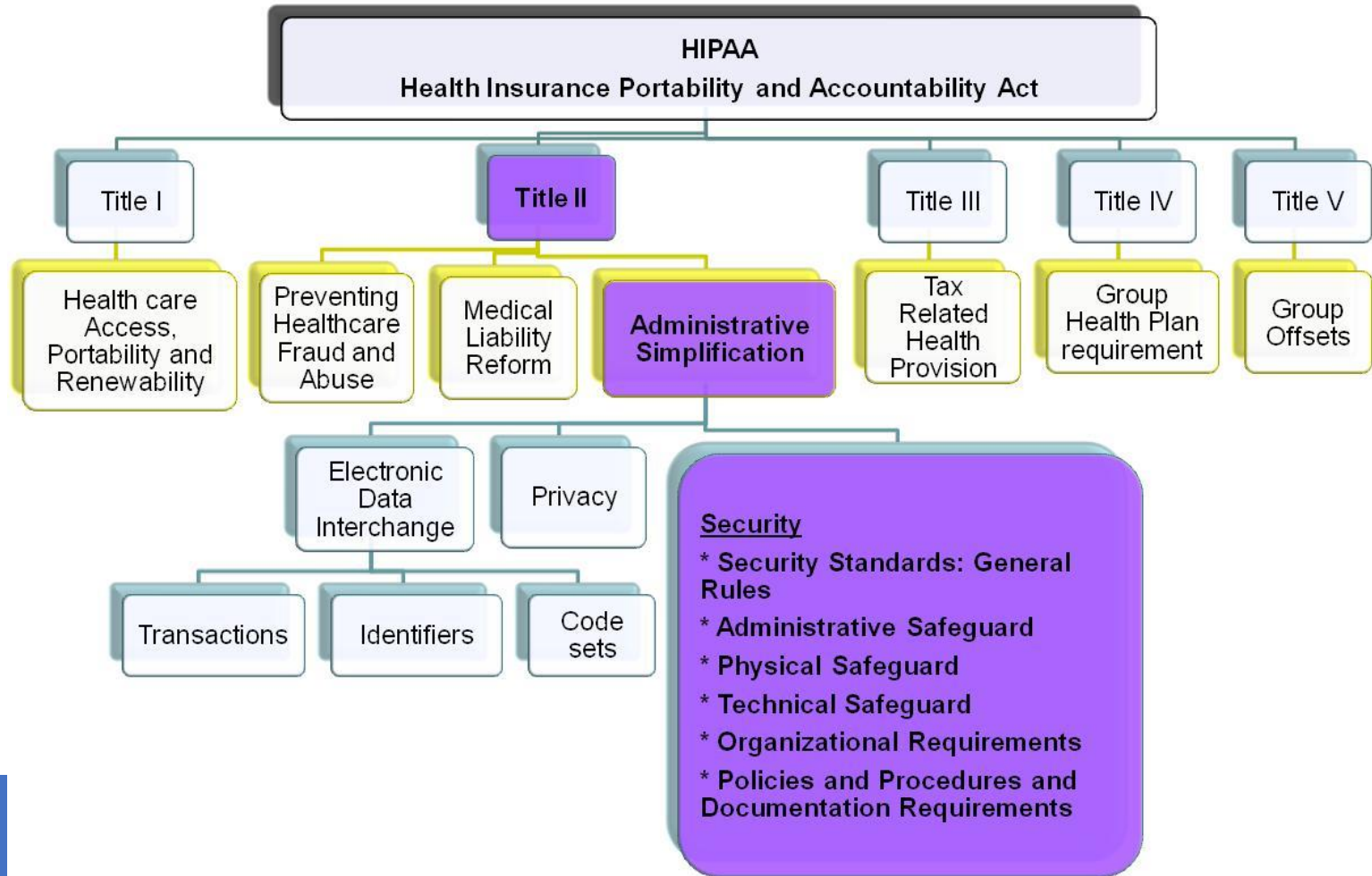
Business Associates need to comply with limited privacy rule

# HITECH MODIFICATIONS TO HIPAA

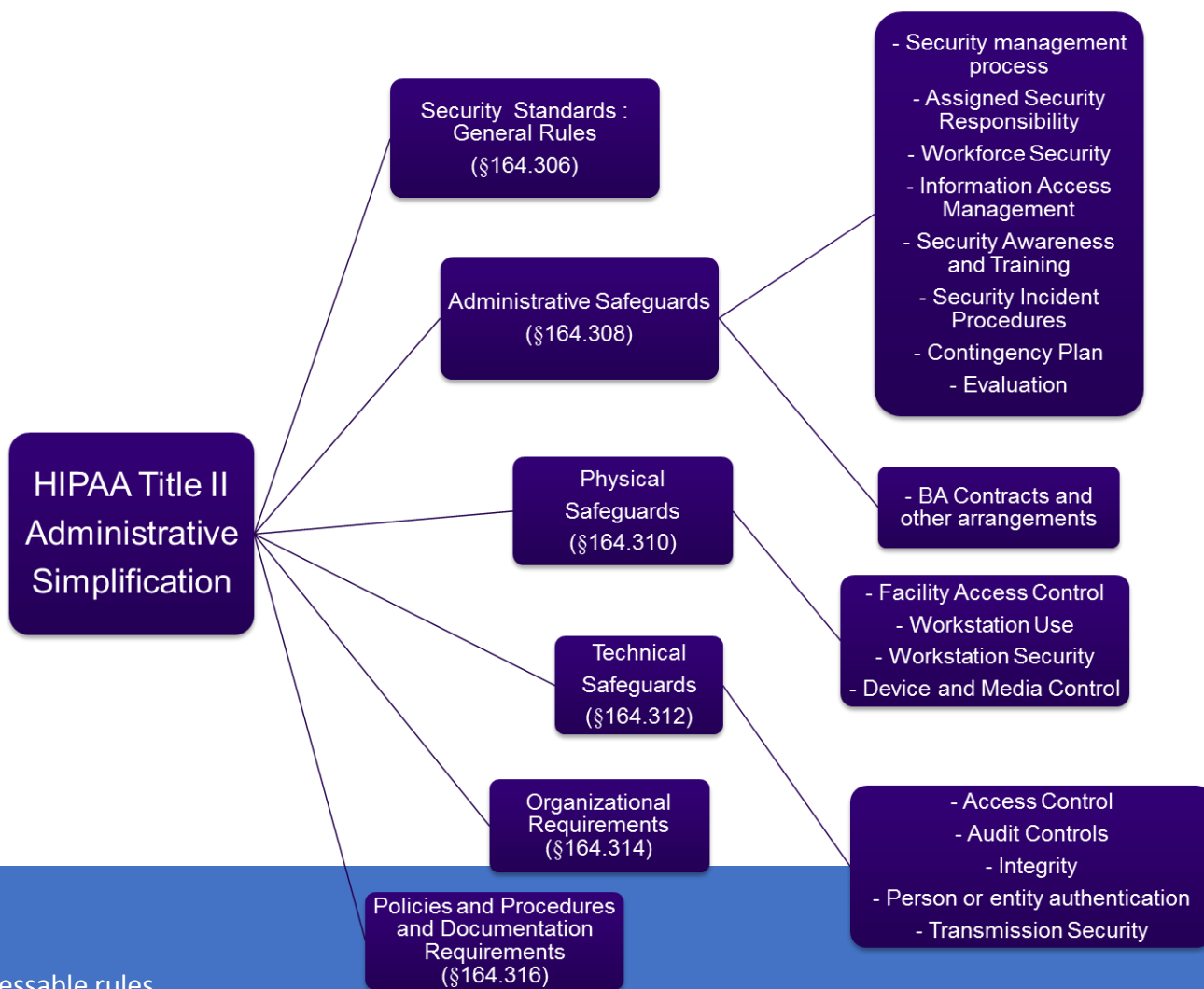
- Creating incentives for developing a meaningful use of electronic health records
- Changing the liability and responsibilities of Business Associates
- Redefining what a breach is
- Creating stricter notification standards
- Tightening enforcement
- Raising the penalties for a violation
- Creating new code and transaction sets (HIPAA 5010, ICD10)



Since 2011 Medicare/Medicaid have paid more than 30+ billion as incentive for adopting EHR



# HIPAA SECURITY RULE



# PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

## BASICS

1. Name
2. Address
3. Dates related to an individual
4. Telephone numbers
5. Fax numbers
6. Email addresses
7. Social Security numbers
8. Medical record numbers
9. Health plan beneficiary number
10. Account number
11. Certificate/license number
12. Any vehicle or other device serial number
13. Device identifiers or serial numbers
14. Web URL
15. Internet Protocol (IP) address
16. Finger or voice prints
17. Photographic images
18. Any other characteristic that would uniquely identify the individual

### Highly Sensitive Patient Data:

HIV status, sexually transmitted diseases, medications, sexual orientation, mental health diagnosis, and physical abuse, etc.

#### 1. Medical records:

- progress reports
- X-rays
- MRI's

#### 2. Claims

#### 3. Payments

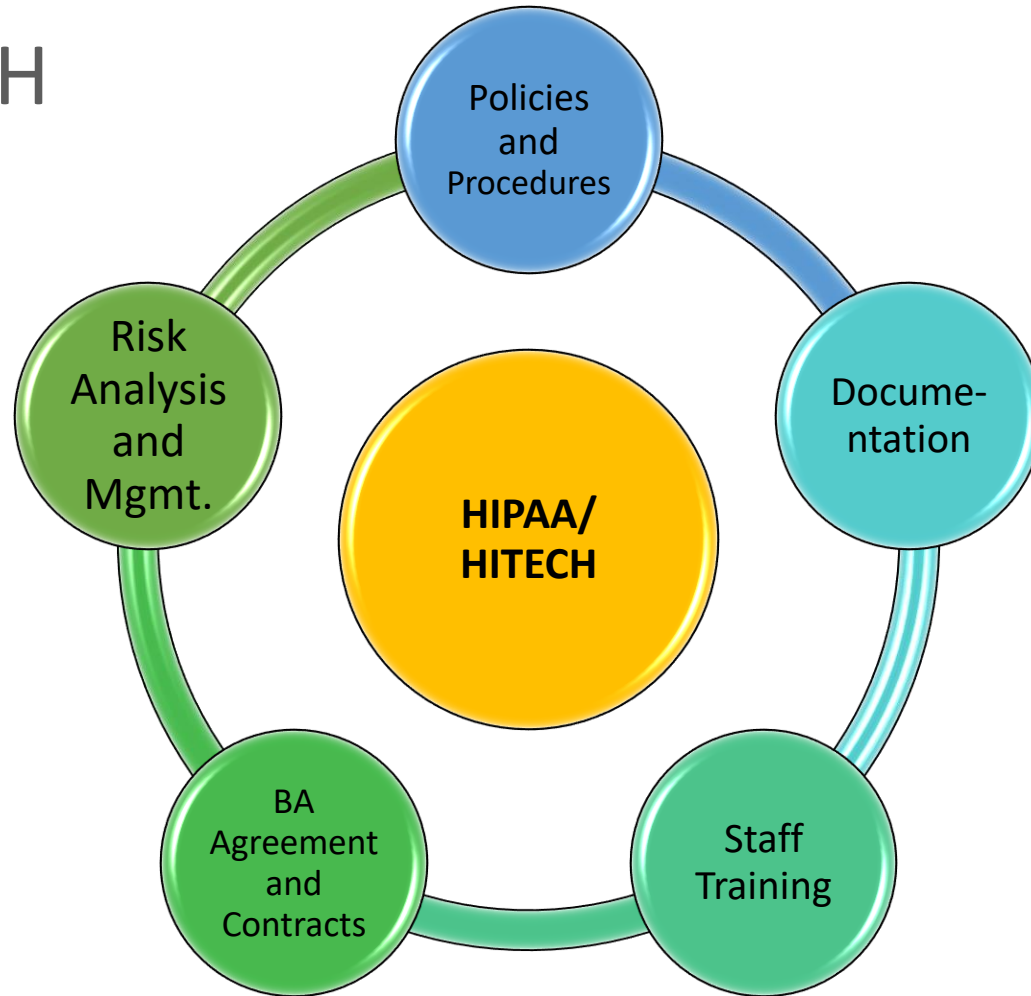
#### 4. Eligibility

#### 5. Other health plan related insurance data



PII when combined with health data becomes PHI

# HIPAA/HITECH APPROACH





# SCOPE



Any device that electronically stores or transmits information using a EHR software program

- EHR/LIS/PMS
- Computers
- Storage Devices (HD, FD, CD, DVD)
- Networking Devices (Routers, Switches, & Wireless)
- Smart-Phones, Tablets
- Cloud-Based Services
- Any other interfaces



Up to date ePHI inventory sheet to be maintained

# Sample Risk Analysis Prioritization

		Likelihood		
		High	Medium	Low
Impact	High	Unencrypted laptop ePHI	Lack of auditing on EHR systems	Missing security patches on web server hosting patient information
	Medium	Unsecured wireless network in doctor's office	Outdated anti-virus software	External hard drives not being backed up
	Low	Sales presentation on USB thumb drive	Web server backup tape not stored in a secured location	Weak password on internal document server



Updated risk management plan to be maintained

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## ☐ **Physical Security Policy**

- ☐ Maintenance record
- ☐ Disposal
- ☐ Access

## ☐ **Information Security Policy**

- ☐ Access Policy
- ☐ Sanction Policy

## ☐ **Contingency Plan Policy**

## ☐ **Security Incident Procedure/Breach**

- Master Security Policy
- Master Privacy Policy
- Master Breach Policy

# ROLE-BASED TRAINING

- ☐ Privacy and Security Officers
- ☐ Workforce Handling PHI (End-Users, Clinical Staff)
- ☐ IT Team/Practice Administration (Admin)
- ☐ Senior Management



Frequent user awareness training and assessment

# BA AGREEMENTS

- ❑ A person or entity that performs certain functions or activities, on behalf of a covered entity (CE), that involve the use or disclosure of protected health information
- ❑ BA contract must be signed/in-place before accessing PHI



Keep an up-to-date list of BA vendors

# Documentation

- ☐ Privacy and Security Notices
- ☐ Health Record Request Log
- ☐ Training Records
- ☐ PHI/Chart Access Review
- ☐ Inventory List
- ☐ User Access Levels
- ☐ Maintenance Log



Potentially up to 6 years worth of documentation are required

# HIPAA and Crypto

HIPAA Technical Safeguard Requirements	Crypto Tools	Examples
Access Control	Encryption	AES, Triple-DES
Integrity	Hash Functions, MACs, Digital Signatures	SHA-1, SHA-2 HMAC, CMAC
Person or Entity Authentication	Digital Signatures	DSA, ECDSA, RSA
Transmission Security	Encryption, Hash Functions, MACs, Digital Signatures	



In case of a third-party vendor ensure approved encryption technology is used.

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- HHS/OCR enforcement on HIPAA Covered Entities and Business Associates
- Processing of PHI elements drives HIPAA compliance requirements
- Security risk analysis, training and policies and procedures are key required documents
- Healthcare entities have wide footprint of patient data
- Budget, Type and Size of the entity doesn't matter





# REFERENCES

[HHS Wall of Shame](#)

[HHS FAQ on Business Associates](#)

[NIST SP 800-111, Guide to Storage Encryption Technologies](#)

[HHS Public Health Guidance](#)

# Deliverables

- ✓ ePHI Inventory Sheet
  - ✓ Scoping and Profiling
- ✓ Security Risk Analysis Report
  - ✓ Vulnerability assessment
- ✓ Risk Management Plan
- ✓ Updated Policies and Procedures
- ✓ Online User Training
- ✓ Executive Summary Report
- ✓ Portal Access

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### Security Risk Assessment

For Meaningful Use and HIPAA Compliance



## Security Risk Assessment

### HIPAA/HITECH Assessment

Includes Privacy, Security, and Breach Rules



## HIPAA/HITECH Assessment

### Document Templates

Customizable Templates

Document	Date
<a href="#">Business Associate Contract Template</a>	Jan. 7, 2016
<a href="#">Information Security Policy Template</a>	Jan. 7, 2016
<a href="#">Policy on Breaches Template</a>	Jan. 7, 2016

### HIPAA Awareness Training

For Healthcare Workforce



### Vulnerability Scan Reports

Includes IP, Web and Other Scan Results

Document	Date
<a href="#">IP Scan Example</a>	April 13, 2016
<a href="#">Web Scan Example</a>	April 15, 2016

### Reports

Consulting reports prepared by EHR 2.0

Report	Date
<a href="#">Information Security Policy Example</a>	April 14, 2016
<a href="#">ePHI Inventory List</a>	April 14, 2016
<a href="#">Master Privacy Policy Example</a>	April 14, 2016
<a href="#">Risk Management Plan and Checklist Example</a>	April 14, 2016
<a href="#">Security Risk Analysis PDF</a>	April 15, 2016
<a href="#">Security Risk Analysis</a>	April 15, 2016

### Data Breach Assessment Tool

Determine if a breach is to be reported



### Employee Background Checks

Background Check Authorization Form



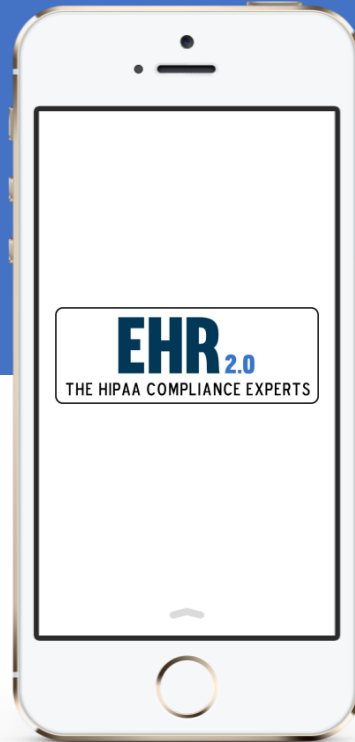
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