

# AT&T Consulting

## HITECH Security Readiness Assessment Bundle

Today's Healthcare industry is facing complex privacy and data security requirements. The movement from paper to bits/bytes of health information is accelerating, making it important that information is protected. A number of important factors are driving healthcare organizations to move toward electronic healthcare records and online availability of patient information. Most recently, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), adopted in February 2009 as part of the stimulus package (the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), affects healthcare providers' use of information. HITECH extended the scope of the requirements based on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act of 1996.

HITECH specifies new regulatory requirements of public disclosure for data breaches and more specific guidance on the use of technologies for encryption.

In light of the new demands and requirements that the HITECH Act has put on healthcare organizations, as well as the potential penalties for violations, organizations need to evaluate their HITECH readiness strategy and determine their compliance posture.

### Service Overview

The AT&T Consulting HITECH security readiness assessment is a key component of the AT&T Consulting Governance, Risk & Compliance suite of services. The service provides a cost-effective assessment for HIPAA and HITECH regulatory readiness. This readiness assessment, coupled with strategic prioritized recommendations on how to bridge the identified gaps to improve compliance, will provide you with an understanding of your compliance posture.

The top-down assessment approach captures key readiness information using interviews in conjunction with reviews of existing documentation and controls to evaluate organizational security practices regarding the safeguarding of Protected Health Information (PHI).

### Approach

Upon engagement with AT&T Consulting, pre-assessment information gathering techniques are used to capture key information and establish a high-level view of the covered entity/business associate's readiness in relation to the core requirements of HIPAA and HITECH Security Rule. The use of pre-assessment templates helps us provide a more cost-effective program and maximizes the use of on-site interaction time.

Next, AT&T consultants will perform highly collaborative on-site assessment activities. The activities are structured into functional scope categories which map to HITECH requirements. Core requirements will be reviewed as well as the effectiveness of current controls. Information gleaned from the above activities will be analyzed and then used to complete a comprehensive readiness report.

### Key Bundle Elements

The AT&T HITECH security readiness assessment bundle includes:

1. Pre-Assessment Information Gathering
2. Readiness Assessment
  - HIPAA Security Rule
    - Administrative Safeguards (164.308)
    - Physical Safeguards (164.310)

### Benefits

- Cost-effective approach
- Visibility into PHI Exposure risks
- Actionable recommendations
- Guidance on sustaining compliance

### Features

- Pre-Assessment Information Gathering
- Readiness Assessment for HIPAA and HITECH
- Readiness Report



- Technical Safeguards (164.312)
  - Organizational Requirements (164.314)
  - Policies and Procedures and Documentation Requirements (164.316)
  - HITECH
    - Breach Notification Requirements
    - Encryption Strategy to address HITECH requirements
3. Readiness Report
- Analysis of Readiness Posture against requirements assessed with prioritized recommendations on how to bridge the identified gaps

### Key Benefits

The AT&T Consulting HITECH security readiness assessment bundle provides a proven approach for healthcare entities to navigate, interpret, implement, and enforce HITECH measures in their organization. Our structured assessment framework results in a cost-effective approach to HITECH readiness.

### Security Solutions: Expertise from a Trusted Provider

AT&T provides a unique and world-class portfolio of assessment, compliance and related security services.

Our experience, expertise, and commitment to open standards have established us as a strategic and trusted advisor. By leveraging AT&T, you can expect best-in-breed solutions, a global network of proven technology, and a cost-effective program-based approach to meet your security and compliance needs.

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