

HIPAA Security & Compliance Audit Assessment

Solving the HIPAA compliance challenge for leading healthcare organizations.

In the healthcare industry, discovering Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) violations or compliance issues during the audit process is something you never want to experience. Zones conducted HIPAA Security & Compliance Audit Assessment that helped a nationally accredited non-profit behavioral healthcare provider more easily protect sensitive healthcare data and better position themselves for HIPAA compliance with a proactive security framework.



Nationally accredited non-profit behavioral healthcare provider to ensure the overall security posture of the organization.



Review the facilities, security process, and also HIPAA security policies for accuracy and best practices.



Well-positioned to meet the HIPAA compliance requirement for the future as well.



CHALLENGE

- Maintaining HIPAA compliance in a consistent & cost-effective fashion.



SOLUTION

- Zones HIPAA Security & Compliance Audit Assessment.



RESULTS

- Validated security policies, procedures and standards.
- Reduced data breach or data loss risk.
- Ensured compliance with HIPAA standards & best practices.
- Extended value of internal IT security team with certified security experts.

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THE CHALLENGE

The compliance office of a nationally accredited non-profit behavioral healthcare provider was responsible for ensuring the organization's overall security posture. Officials wanted to develop and implement a repeatable security framework that would help the provider cost-effectively maintain its ongoing HIPAA certification requirements.

THE SOLUTION

Zones proposed a comprehensive HIPAA Security & Compliance Audit Assessment encompassing the following:

- Review security management processes in place to protect confidential data.
- Review the facilities and physical security process to protect confidential data.
- Review network security design and identify weaknesses.
- Review HIPAA security policies for accuracy, completeness, and best practices.
- Analyze results and develop remediation plan to meet security requirements.
- Create or modify up to five policies to meet gap in security procedures.

Displacing the client's existing Security Assessment provider, Zones provided an in-depth appraisal of the organization's adherence to existing policies & industry best practices, uncovering previously unidentified gaps. The Zones Assessment included interviews with personnel, system analysis, policy & procedure review and remediation recommendations. Working closely with the provider's compliance office, Zones also developed a compliance plan framework enabling the healthcare organization to use a consistent methodology and set of tools to improve their overall security posture and achieve compliance with federally mandated HIPAA guidelines.

In addition to helping this healthcare provider maintain its HIPAA certification, the team also identified two additional security improvement opportunities during the course of the engagement. In order to minimize the risk of accidental data loss due to employee error, Zones highlighted a Phishing Risk Assessment and Security Awareness training for all employees. In addition, Zones committed to performing a mini-assessment after six months to validate that remediation steps were implemented.

THE RESULTS

After undergoing their Zones HIPAA Security & Compliance Audit Assessment, this behavioral healthcare provider is well-positioned to meet HIPAA regulatory compliance requirements now and in the future.

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