

# Preparing for the OCR:

Proactively Assess and Lessen the Burden in the Event of an Audit



# **Agenda**

- OCR Audit Protocol update
- Phase 2 HIPAA audits
- · Benefits of preparing
- How did we prepare?

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# **OCR Audit Protocol Update**

• Website: <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/compliance-enforcement/audit/protocol/">http://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/compliance-enforcement/audit/protocol/</a>

Audit Type	Section	Key Activity	Established Performance Criteria	Audit Inquiry	Req- uired/ Address- able
Privacy	§164.502(a) (5)(i)	Prohibited uses and disclosures - Use and disclosure of genetic information for underwriting purposes	§ 164.502(a)(5)(i) Use and disclosure of genetic information for underwriting purposes: Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart, a health plan, excluding an issuer of a long-term care policy falling within paragraph (1)(viii) of the definition of health plan, shall not use or disclose protected health information that is genetic information that is	Does the health plan use or disclose for underwriting purposes, "Genetic Information" as defined at § 160,103, including family history? Inquire of management.  Obtain and review all underwriting policies and procedures (for example, published and unpublished underwriting guidelines currently	

### **Phase 2 HIPAA Audits**

- In 2016, the OCR began building their information population of covered entities ("CEs") by requiring CEs to verify contact information, as well as complete a prescreening questionnaire.
- 167 covered entities were selected for topic-focused audits in mid-2016. Audit of business associates to commence anytime.
- Comprehensive on-site audits scheduled 2017
- Audit selectees have <u>10 business days</u> to respond to initial data requests.

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### **Benefits of Preparing**

- Facilities could still be selected for audits in 2017 and going forward as part of OCR's continuous audit monitoring program.
- Facilities proactively mitigate risk and remediate control gaps.
- Evidence collected early can be set aside to save in the event of an audit, which cutes down on the burden of pulling together evidence in a 10-day window.
- · Re-educational value

# **How Did We Prepare?**

- Leveraged the latest OCR Protocol for the Privacy and Breach Notification Rules to create a Questionnaire tool
  - Security Rule was handled by Internal Audit and Corporate Security
- Based on responses, a Corrective Action Plan would automatically populate "Not Compliant" responses.
- Facilities worked with Corporate Compliance to address any "Not Compliant" areas

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Corrective Action Plan										
SPSC HIPAA Privac	y Corrective Action	Plan								
Assessment Questionnaire date Facility name					Instructions	The Corrective Action Pla     There are only a few instar     FPO should populate any     Recommendation for each     add additional clarifying a				
Facility # Assessment Questionnaire completed by						2. Email the Excel documer teams once both the Quest 3. Corporate Compilance/Pi Response column, and pro 4. Once Corporate returns t 5. The FCC will be responsi measures taken by the con 6. The CAP will remain on t 7. Continue to supply your				
			Compliant / Not	el el 400 d						
Domain	OCR Key Activity	Question #	Compliant ~	Findings/Observations	Mitigating/Remediating Recommendations	Corporate Compliance/P				
Breach Breach	Administrative Requirements Training	162 163	Compliant							
Breach Breach	Training	164	Compliant							
Breach	Complaints	165	Not Compliant							
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Questions?	
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