

AHA/Siemens HIPAA Privacy Offering

The HIPAA deadline of April 14th, 2003, to be compliant with the Privacy Rule has come but it is not gone...

Hospital boards are asking their facilities to verify adherence to the Privacy Rules. Thus, AHA, in conjunction with its HIPAA Privacy partner, Siemens, has developed a new solution to enable verification for your organization.

For hospitals that have their board members asking for verification, the ***“HIPAA Privacy Independent Verification”*** offering will provide an independent review to validate a hospital’s work. This service will include: an examination of policies, key documents and forms; an evaluation of Privacy training plans, and a review of critical processes supporting the HIPAA Privacy requirements. This service also includes a facility walkthrough, which evaluates the physical safeguards of key operational areas against the HIPAA Privacy requirements. A thorough checklist documenting improvement opportunities completes this offering. We are currently offering this service with the AHA discount of 15% to AHA members.

As most of you are probably aware, the AHA, after listening to member feedback and undergoing an extensive market assessment of HIPAA Privacy offerings available in the marketplace, selected Siemens as “best in class” for its: ***network security vulnerability assessments; privacy assessments; web-based, easy-to-track privacy education courseware; and fully automated policies and procedures solutions for both HIPAA and JCAHO.***

If you would like more information about the AHA/Siemens HIPAA Privacy offering or any other tool and resources that can help your organization, please contact me at 800-242-4677 or blane@aha.org. You may also visit the AHA website at www.aha.org. Go to “Key Initiatives,” and click on the “HIPAA” icon.

Sincerely,

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