



HEALTH INFORMATION

3 TYPES OF HEALTH INFORMATION REGULATIONS HARMONIZE TO PROVIDE SECURITY AND PRIVACY FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR HEALTH PROVIDERS



HIPAA - 1996

The Health Information Portability and Accountability Act is a federal law that protects sensitive patient health information from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge.



HITRUST - 2007

The Health Information Trust Alliance streamlines data security and helps health-care organizations and vendors comply with HIPAA regulations.

Additionally, HITRUST standardizes and combines multiple regulations through gap assessment reports.



HITECH - 2009

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), HITECH promotes and expands the adoption of health information technologies, specifically electronic health records (EHRs), by healthcare providers.

HOW IS HEALTH INFORMATION RELATED?

HITECH (law) relates to HIPAA:

- Updated compliance language and removed loopholes in HIPAA
- Ensured that business associates and covered entities comply with HIPAA Rules
- Verified that affected individuals were notified when health information was compromised
- Imposed stricter penalties for HIPAA compliance failures

HITRUST (framework, certification) relates to HIPAA:

- Harmonized with other compliance frameworks like Payment Card Industry (PCI), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology (COBIT)
- Created a standardized compliance framework, assessment, and certification process

HITECH (law) relates to HITRUST (framework, certification):

- HITECH requires safeguards be established for Protected Health Information (PHI)
- Promotes the adoption and meaningful use of Electronic Health Records (EHR)

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SOURCE

US Department of Health and Human Services

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html>

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/hitech-act-enforcement-interim-final-rule/index.html>

HITRUST Alliance

<https://hitrustalliance.net/>