

Healthcare, Risk Management

Managing IT Risk and Healthcare Compliance with Confidence

Given the ethical, brand and financial demands of Protected Health Information (PHI) along with the legal requirements imposed by numerous regulatory bodies, every healthcare practice needs safe, simple and secure practices to maintain consistent security policies and processes across ALL personal electronic devices, environments and more importantly anyplace where healthcare information may be accessed, processed and/or transmitted.

Healthcare organizations face multiple challenges securing significant amounts of sensitive information stored on their mobile devices, systems and networks, which combined with the value of medical identity information makes them an attractive target for cyber threats and vulnerabilities.

Patient health information demands special attention. In fact, when you're in the healthcare industry, the law obligates you to preserve health information confidentiality, as well as demonstrate that you have processes in place to ensure compliance with numerous regulatory standards, including HIPAA, HITECH, NIST 800-53r4, PCI-DSS, IRS 1075 and Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX).

Additionally, the HITECH Act of 2009 defined new requirements for organizations that have failed to protect their patient records. Any organization who suffered a breach of greater than 500 individual records are required to publicly display their failures on the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) website. Commonly referenced as the "Wall of Shame".

As more organizations convert from traditional PHI to Electronic Health Records (EHRs) and Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) the more likely they will expose themselves to theft or loss of information via remote work force, mobile devices, laptops, electronic transmissions and networked systems either by connecting to traditional on premise solutions or alternatively connecting to cloud computing service providers.

EHR and e-PHI risk management is an ongoing task, requiring real-time risk management for both Covered Entities (e.g. Healthcare Providers) as well as Business Associates (e.g. Healthcare Vendors). An effective Risk Management Program includes the demonstration, documentation and maintenance of compliance for your Healthcare organization, with a measurable, well-defined audit trail.



HIPAA

The Security & Privacy Rule – the Administrative Simplification rules, applies to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and to any health care provider who transmits health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction for which the Secretary of HHS has adopted standards under HIPAA (the "covered entities").

The HITECH Act of 2009 expanded the responsibilities of business associates under the Privacy and Security Rules.

A "Business Associate?" A "business associate" is a person or entity that performs certain functions or activities that involve the use or disclosure of protected health information on behalf of, or provides services to, a covered entity.

Reference: US Health & Human Services

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Historically, compliance departments have relied on manual processes involving spreadsheets, documents, and emails- encumbering the process of information gathering, and leading to siloed data that lacks a defensible audit trail. With no auditable system of record, compliance information can also be compromised or tampered with. A seemingly insignificant risk may have vastly different consequences when additional factors are considered. Siloed data and manual processes create inefficiency, out-of-sync controls, and corporate policies that are inadequate to manage compliance. Healthcare organizations are bogged down by unnecessary complexity; often managing compliance within specific issues and without regard for an integrated framework and architecture, wasting time and resources in the process.

Allgress Insight Risk Management Suite (IRMS) provides more than just traditional IT governance, risk and compliance (IT GRC). Allgress provides comprehensive lifecycle management for regulatory compliance and defensibility. With demanding regulatory requirements such as HIPAA, HITECH, and HITRUST, Allgress helps healthcare organizations manage their complete compliance program in a single enterprise platform.

The interface includes Policy Mapping, Controls Assessment, Reporting (Threat/Vulnerability), Remediation, Risk Mitigation, and more. Allgress takes healthcare compliance and risk management from spreadsheets to an enterprise level solution, saving time and resources. With integrated vendor risk capabilities, Allgress helps manage Business Associate Agreement (BAA) risks, related to the protection of e-PHI shared through Business Associates (e.g. Healthcare Vendors). In addition, Allgress allows security and compliance personnel the ability to effectively communicate IT risk and tie it directly back to the underlying healthcare focus of patient safety.

Allgress presents data in a meaningful way, with out-of-the-box dashboards to visualize and analyze compliance data, so that healthcare leadership and IT stake holders can use it to prioritize risk mitigations and achieve predictable and secure outcomes. The IRMS solution is delivered through either a cloud or on-premise platform, which allows the flexibility to meet each unique environment. Allgress is also preconfigured with numerous regulations, standards, and best practices for the healthcare industry, including but not limited to the HIPAA, ISO 27001/02 ISO 9001, IRS 1075, PCI-DSS, and SOX, as well as a robust Policy Library.

Key Features

Prioritize the highest impact risks first and balance against existing resources and budgets

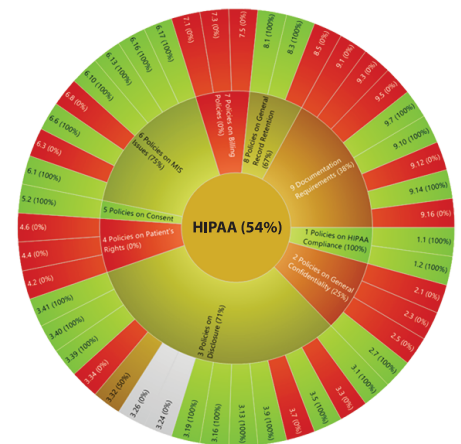
Optimize processes and workflows for Protected Health Information (PHI)

Broad compliance capabilities for healthcare regulations and privacy laws including HIPAA, HITRUST, PCI-DSS, ISO 9001, SOX, and more.

BAA Management for 3rd Party risks from partnering organizations

Automate processes including task assignments, auto notification rules, etc.

Reduce reporting time with pre-built dashboards to visualize and analyze compliance data



Compliance Dashboard, quickview of overall HIPAA compliance

About Allgress

Since 2008, Allgress has been enabling enterprise risk, security, and compliance professionals the ability to efficiently manage their organizational requirements. By utilizing advanced visualization, automation, streamlined workflows, and the integration of existing data feeds, Allgress reduces the complexity and cost of risk management. Unlike other risk management solutions, Allgress customers receive quick time to value, deriving value in days rather than months.

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