HIPAA and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

It is confusing and challenging to keep patient information from unauthorised access, make it safe on your computers, and keep patients informed on how you proctect their records. You are healthcare providers, not security!

How do you meet Health Information Protection Accountability Act (HIPAA) rules for privacy or HITECH for protecting data? How do you meet the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and funding tied to Electronic Health Records (EHR)?

1st Steps to Protecting You and Your Patients

HIPPA Compliant

Protecting the eletronic methods to use, store or communicate patient health information, is the latest focus of complying with HIPAA. But where do you start?

- Do a HIPAA readiness assessment to review your processes, notifications, and business practices.
- Conduct a Risk Analysis that identifies the security issues in your processes and IT systems.
- Find out *how* associates, like a service for your IT or business management, are HIPAA compliant.

Here are some links to be familiar with HIPAA and the ACA:

- www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/
- http://www.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact/

Do you know what is at risk?

What HIPAA Does Not Tell You

HIPAA and ACA identify *what* needs to be protected, but not *how*, which technologies are safe or if you have done enough to be secure.

This means you need to use, backup, transmit, and store patient information in a securely. You need user acounts with passwords and audit trails. For HITECH requirements, encrypting data is a must.

Using individual tools are not enough. Is their combination secure yet reasonable to the practice?

Rx Kenneth Silsbee Consulting Can Help

With over 20 years of experience in IT, over 10 years in Information Security, you get practical solutions that fit the right needs.

Kenneth Silsbee Consulting tailors the appropriate mechanisms, policies and procedures, processes and training to the right protection for your data.

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