



# **A Guide to Ascension's HIPAA Related Services**



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**Figure 1: Number of Patient Records comp**



Quality of Care and Patient Safety are top business drivers. This in turn has resulted in technological advances in clinical information systems. These clinical information systems provide more functionality and stronger interfaces between the clinical side of the house and the administrative side of the house. In addition to the increased functionality, there is increased risk associated with the electronic storage of patient information.

Our methodology involves examining the drivers and processes within your organization and using these to assess, design, and implement a solid and secure information security program designed to meet all of the HIPAA concepts. The program takes into account your organizations internal and external drivers, your organizational culture, and legal and regulatory requirements in order to establish the administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that are realistic for your organization as well as being HIPAA compliant.

We use a flexible phased approach that will tie together the initial HIPAA assessment with the proposed solution. This allows for the level of detail required to achieve success.

Our approach:

- Focuses on a full solution development lifecycle and emphasizes the operational aspects of security

- Uses the ISO 17799/27001 standard as a foundation to achieve compliance

- Emphasizes regulatory transparency in the development of a documentation and audit trail in order to demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements (HIPAA, SOX, etc)

RiskMAX™ is a holistic approach that approaches HIPAA security from an operational perspective. In order to achieve this we focus on six key aspects of the problem in order to establish a fully operational solution:

1. Policy and Procedures
2. Operational Alignment
3. Security Management Alignment
4. System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

5. Education and Awareness

6. Assurance and Compliance

Our methodology and approach is executed through a four-phased solution development approach that integrates the six functional threads identified above:



**Figure 2: Ascension's HIPAA Assessment and Implementation Methodology**

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