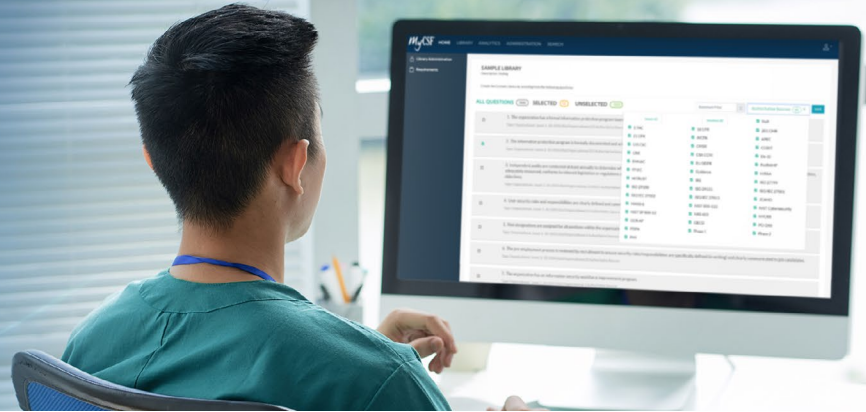# HITRUST®

HITRUST MyCSF® Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA

Captures Evidence and Provides Assurances to Document HIPAA Compliance

Since the first release of the HITRUST CSF® in 2009, HITRUST has supported thousands of Covered Entities and Business Associates with their Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance programs. More than 80% of US hospitals, 85% of US health insurers, and many other Covered Entities and Business Associates have used the HITRUST Approach to assist with their HIPAA compliance initiatives.

Introducing …
MyCSF Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA

As part of our continuous commitment to improve HITRUST products and services, the MyCSF platform now includes a HIPAA-specific Compliance and Reporting Pack, which significantly streamlines how organizations capture and present regulatory compliance evidence.

Easy-to-use, automated tool gathers HIPAA compliance information as part of a MyCSF subscription

Automatically compiles HIPAA-specific evidence from MyCSF during your HITRUST Risk-Based, 2-Year (r2) Validated Assessment (formerly named the HITRUST CSF Validated Assessment). Saves countless hours by collecting documentation and preparing the reports that are regularly requested by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) auditors and investigators. This information streamlines your audit by:

- Generating a report, formatted by HIPAA control, that maps applicable HIPAA requirements to your HITRUST r2 Assessment.
- Mapping each requirement to your corresponding policies and evidence for submission to the OCR.
- Providing only the evidence that the OCR is requesting.

Trims evidence collection to only what OCR requires

It is important to note that the OCR requires all documentation digitally and it must be submitted electronically. Entities are required to provide only the specified documents, not compendiums of policies or procedures. Auditors will not search for relevant documentation that may be contained within such compilations. The MyCSF Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA helps meet auditor requirements for clarity and relevance because it is designed to collect only documentation relevant to HIPAA compliance.

Responding to an OCR Audit Inquiry

When initiating a HIPAA compliance audit, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) will notify a Covered Entity in writing, usually by email. This OCR notification letter will introduce the audit team, explain the audit process, discuss OCR's expectations, and include requests for documentation. If the Covered Entity submits sufficient documentation and a strong written narrative response, OCR investigators, at their discretion, may deem that no further action is required.

The HITRUST MyCSF Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA gathers the documentation needed to provide compliance assurances. In addition, for organizations with a HITRUST r2 Certification, HITRUST offers a free Regulatory Assistance Center to guide organizations through a HIPAA audit – *see back for details about this valuable service.*
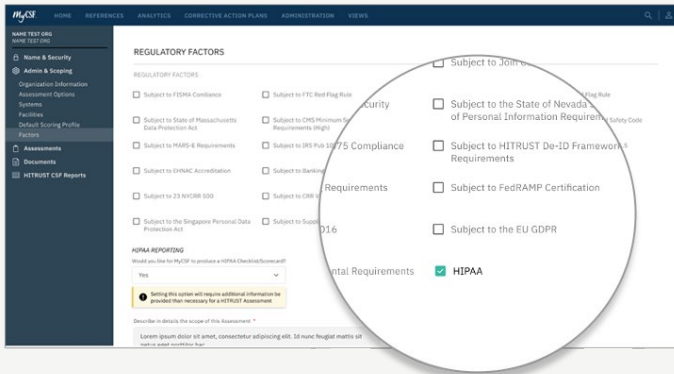
Information about HIPAA and the HIPAA audit process summarized from: www.hhs.gov/hipaa

> " Having supported numerous organizations leveraging their HITRUST Certification for use in OCR investigations, HITRUST's new HIPAA compliance reporting feature will significantly reduce the effort and burden in responding to HIPAA-related inquires. The report output can be given directly to investigators in a format that is clear and easy to understand."
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> – **Robert J. Hudock,** *Partner, King & Spalding LLP*

MyCSF Features and Capabilities

MyCSF allows you to tailor the scope of your assessment to provide assurances for one or multiple regulatory factors. The HIPAA tab in MyCSF automatically compiles evidence from your HITRUST r2 Assessment and generates a report that parses applicable HIPAA requirements to your organization's HITRUST Assessment. This report can be shared directly with auditors or investigators to demonstrate compliance.

MyCSF includes a HIPAA notification above each security control that maps to a HIPAA requirement so during an r2 Assessment, you know what information you need to add to be prepared for an OCR audit.

The MyCSF Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA shows required language, such as implementation statements and evidence descriptions, needed for narrative responses to OCR inquiries.

Disclaimer: Screenshots subject to change

The MyCSF Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA is available for all HITRUST MyCSF subscription levels to streamline compliance reporting and ensure your organization is always ready for HIPAA-related inquiries.

For more information, or to schedule a MyCSF demo – including the Compliance and Reporting Pack for HIPAA – contact our Sales team at sales@hitrustalliance.net.

HITRUST Regulatory Assistance Center[*]

Gathering evidence to demonstrate HIPAA compliance is only half of the process required to respond to an OCR audit request. OCR also expects a narrative response. For organizations that have a HITRUST r2 Certification, the HITRUST Regulatory Assistance Center is a free resource that provides guidance for entities preparing for or undergoing a regulatory audit, including HIPAA. The Center is staffed with security and privacy professionals who can refer you to outside attorneys and other experts familiar with HIPAA regulations and the OCR audit process. Their guidance includes how best to leverage a HITRUST r2 Assessment Report to demonstrate compliance, as well as assistance drafting a strong narrative response to accompany documentation. In addition to documentation evidence, a strong narrative response can significantly reduce the likelihood of an OCR onsite audit.

[*]The HITRUST Regulatory Assistance Center is a preliminary resource to assist organizations undergoing an audit, and use of it does not create or constitute an attorney-client relationship. To find out more or submit a request, please visit: hitrustalliance.net/regulatory-assistance-center