



Building Trust and Confidence in HIE

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Building Trust: Texas HIE Accreditation Program



- THSA partnered with the **Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC)** in September 2013 to develop an HIE accreditation program for Texas.
- Public and private **HIE organizations operating in the state will be recognized for meeting and maintaining accepted and uniform standards** in the handling of protected health information (PHI).
- Program **is designed to increase trust in HIE efforts and improve interoperability within the state**, with the goal of increasing the number of physicians and patients participating in HIEs.

Building Trust: SECURETexas: Privacy & Security Certification



- THSA partnered with HITRUST to establish process by which Texas covered entities may apply for certification of past compliance.
- SECURETexas certification utilizes HITRUST's Common Security Framework (CSF)
- Builds on, but does not amend, the CSF
- Covered entities may apply for Texas certification only, or apply as an add-on to HITRUST certification.



SECURETexas Certification: Benefits of Certification

- **Consumer confidence.** Gives healthcare consumers greater confidence that health information remains protected.
- **Risk Assessment.** Serves as a security risk assessment, allowing entities to meet HIPAA/HITECH security requirement.
- **State-law Mitigation.** Court/state agency **shall** consider whether the covered entity had certification as a mitigating factor in a proceeding to determine a violation of the Texas Medical Records Privacy Act (Ch. 181, Texas Health & Safety Code).
- **HIPAA.** Pursuant to 45 CFR 160.408(c), in determining the amount of any civil money penalty, the Secretary **will** consider . . . “the history of prior compliance with the administrative simplification provisions.” The certification report card can provide objective, third-party evidence of this.

Texas HIE Resources

For more information on the THSA/HIETexas:

- www.hietexas.org

For more information on SECURETexas:

- www.hietexas.org/privacy-and-security-certification or
- www.hitrustalliance.net/texas

For more information on Texas HIE Accreditation:

- www.hietexas.org/what-is-hietexas/hie-accreditation