

Increasing Security Literacy: Supporting Your Staff in Understanding their Role in HIPAA HITECH Compliance

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## HIPAA Guidance Can Be Overwhelming



# What is the greatest risk?



75% of organizations say the greatest risk to security and privacy of patient information is employee negligence.

# Phishing season



1,981 patients were recently affected when their data was compromised by providers responding to phishing e-mails.

# Policies and procedures not enough

Without proper training, policies and procedures are just a stack of documents.

To be effective, you must provide staff with proper training and awareness programs appropriate to their role and responsibilities.





## Who, when, How?

#### Who

• Employees (full-time, part-time, temp) with access to PHI (electronic or paper)

#### When

- Onboarding new employees
- Supplemental training throughout the year (targeted reminders, or new job duty, new policy, new procedure, new technology, a security incident )
- Annual review of general HIPAA concepts

#### How

- Onsite classroom training
- Virtual elearning (videos, interactive online training software, kiosk)
- Email, posters, flyers



#### Creating a Culture of Privacy and Security

- ✓ Prioritize culture of awareness of privacy and security within the organization
- ✓ Accountability and responsibility core value
- Commitment to personnel and training
- ✓ Implementation of structured simple resource tools



# Blueprint for Building a HIPAA Privacy and Security Compliant Practice

- ✓ Engaged Leadership
- ✓ Strategic risk management planning
- ✓ Process Improvement
- ✓ Workforce Training
- ✓ Communication- Patient Engagement

# Ensuring Full Compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations



# The Skills I Acquired as a Fed Transferred to the World of Corporate Compliance



## **Since 1985**

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# OMG!!!!!! What Did I Get Myself Into?????

- I hit the ground running!!!!!
- What's encryption?
- BA and covered entities....explain that again.....for the 5<sup>th</sup> time!!
- ePHI.....what's that and why is the "e" lowercased?
- Minimum Necessary....for whom does this apply?
- HIPAA HITECH....I never heard of that company before!

# What Am I Saying..... That You Don't Understand????









### **Policies & Procedures**







## **Embrace Information Technology**

- Encryption
- Configuration
- Local Networks
- Decommission Process
- VPN (Virtual Private Network)
- Firewalls



### This was me





# Help Is On The Way!!!!!

This is QI Partners





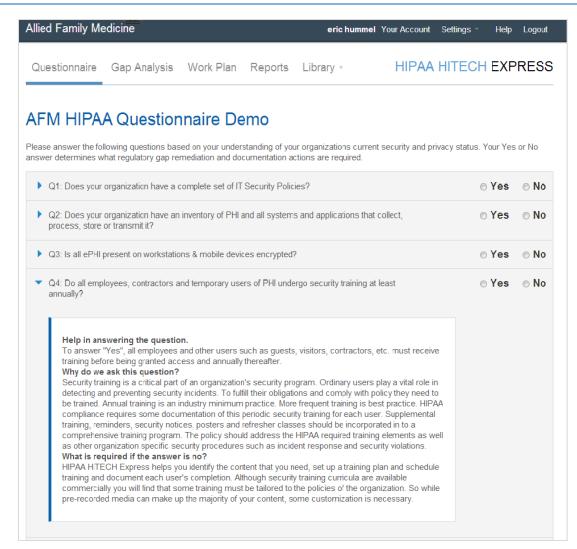
#### HIPAA HITECH EXPRESS

- ✓ Helps to store, organize and track security documentation in one place
- ✓ Helps create a schedule for periodic review of policies and procedures and identify when they are missing, out-of-date or ineffective.
- ✓ Helps implement policies and procedures to prevent, detect, contain, and correct security violations.

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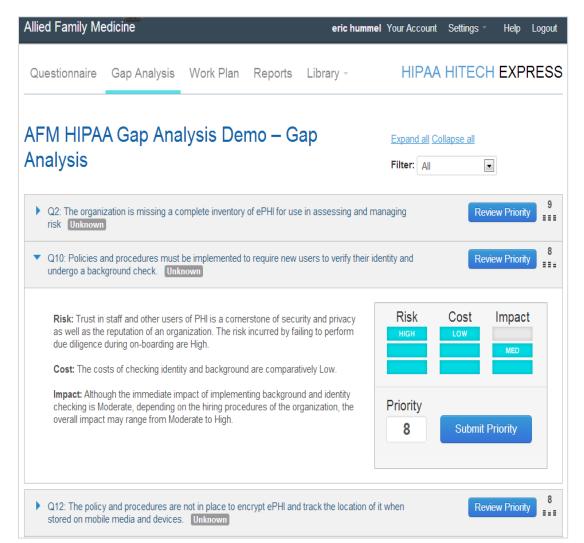
# Rapid Risk Analysis: Quick How Am I Doing Diagnostic

- Guided Questions
- Yes/No only. No ambiguity!
- Built-in help, integrated training
- Quickly move from Assessment to Action



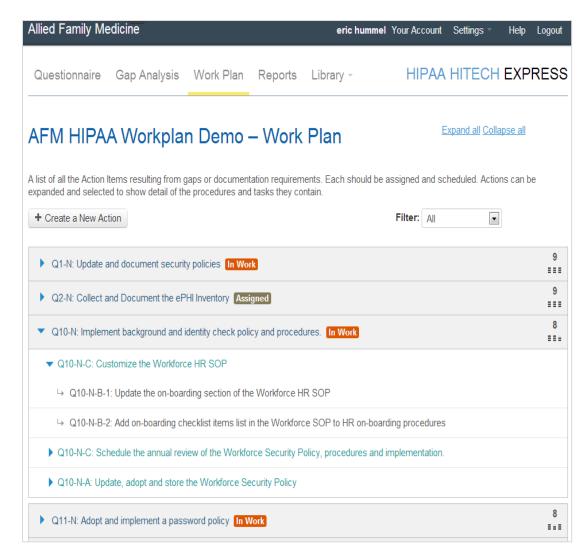
# Gap Analysis: Prioritize Risks to Focus on What's Important

- Expert-guided
- Priority based on Risk, Cost and Impact
- Built-in help, integrated training
- Accommodates varying organizational Goals and Objectives



### Rapid Risk Remediation: Mitigate Risks and Develop Required Documentation

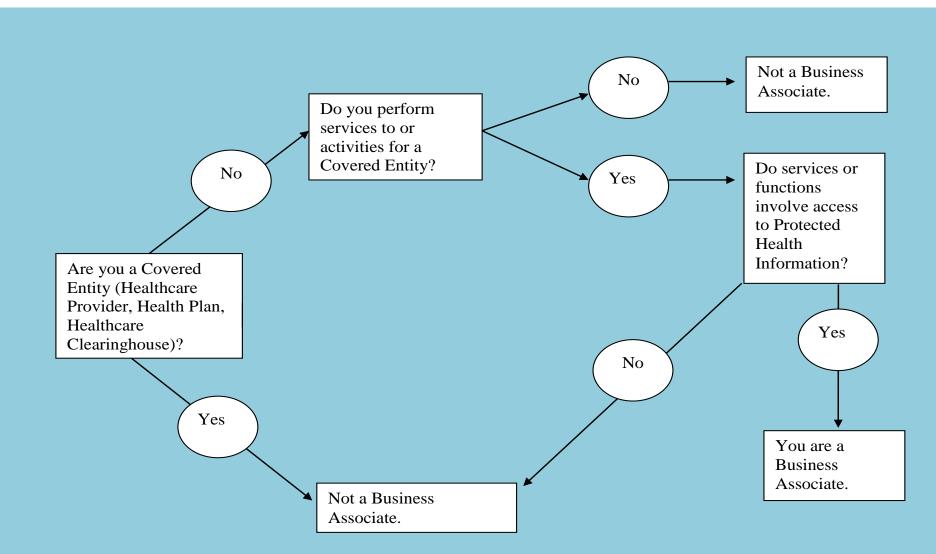
- Detailed Taskby-Task Work plan
- Simple Workflow
- Web and email integration
- Task ownership and scheduling
- Selfdocumenting



#### Who are Business Associates?

Healthcare Entity	Business Associate	Comment
Claims Clearinghouse	no	Covered entity
Hospital Systems	no	Covered entity
Health Information Exchange	yes	
IT Service Provider	yes	
Reference lab	no	Covered entity
Radiology Service Provider	no	Covered entity
Referring/Referred to Provider (any specialty)	no	Covered Entity
Answering Service	yes	
Commercial Insurer	No/Yes	Covered Entity/if adm self-insured benefit plan
Lawyer	yes	If litigating patient cases
Accounting Firm	yes	If reviewing/managing claims data
Off-site Med Records Storage Facility	yes	
Housekeeping Service	no	Incidental contact with PHI

# Who??



# The Ten BAA Essentials

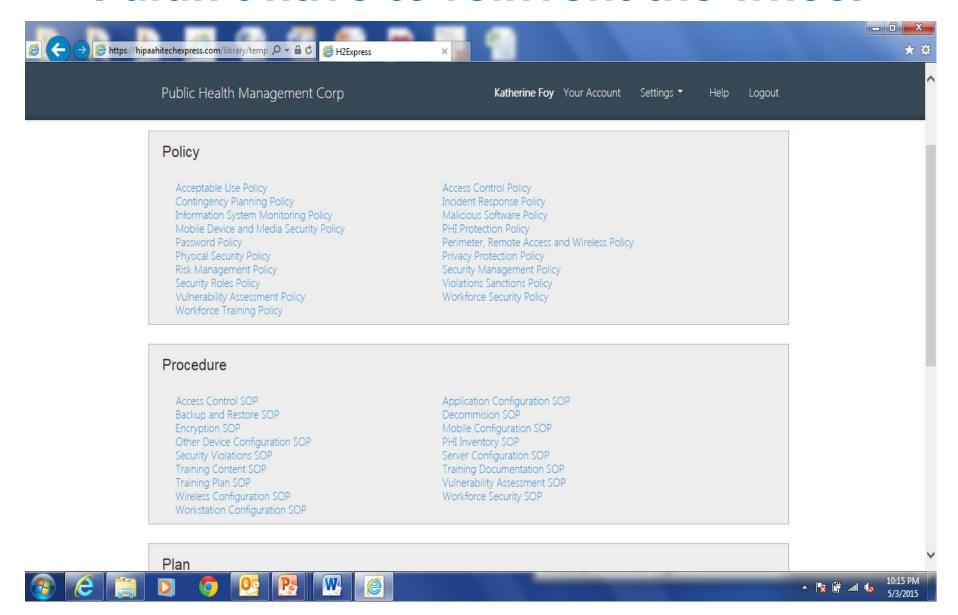
- 1. Establish Permitted Uses and Disclosures.
- 2. State BA will not use or disclose PHI for reasons not permitted or required.
- 3. Require BA implement HIPAA safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure.
- 4. Require BA to report to CE unauthorized use or disclosure.
- 5. Require BA to disclose PHI to satisfy CE's obligation to provide individuals access to their PHI, for amendments,

- 6. Require BA to comply with CE's Privacy Rule obligations, as agreed.
- 7. Require BA to make available to HHS information needed to show CE's compliance with HIPAA.
- 8. At the termination of the contract, require BA to return or destroy the PHI.
- 9. Require BAs ensure their subcontractors agree to the same provisions as the BA agreed.
- 10. Authorize the termination of the contract if BA violates any material term, (i.e. #'s 1-9).

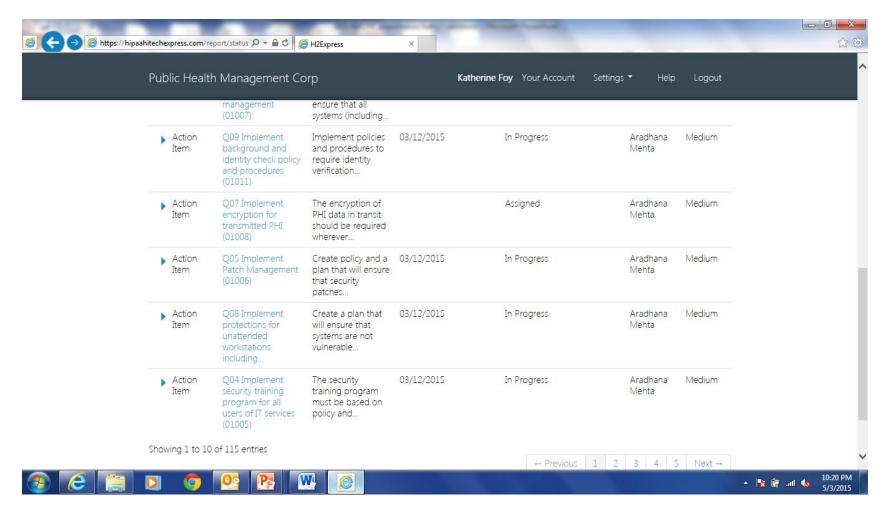
# Top Risk Areas That you should CONSIDER And MITIGATE

- 1. Do you have a complete and up-to-date set of security and privacy policies?
- 2. Do you have an inventory that identifies the devices, network and software that process, store and transmit PHI?
- 3. Have you conducted a risk assessment in the past 12 months and acted on it?
- 4. Do you have business associate agreements in place with all BAs you share PHI with?
- 5. Do you have a Business Continuity plan in place in case of a disaster or breach?
- 6. Do you conduct required security and privacy awareness training?
- 7. Is all patient information encrypted on mobile devices?
- 8. Do you have a documented policy for granting, changing or terminating PHI access?
- 9. Have you designated one person as security officer in your organization?
- 10. Do you track who has been assigned/has access to mobile devices, keys and physical tokens?

#### I didn't have to reinvent the wheel



## Security Privacy 2015 Detail – Status Report







# Collaborations with Internal & External Partners is the Key to Successful Implementation

#### My new BFFs are:

- Information Technology Department
- Facilities Department
- Legal Departments
- Departmental Managers
- Volunteers
- Student Interns
- QI Partners



## Leadership Support Is Essential







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## **Parting Words of Wisdom**

- Don't be discouraged
- Follow the laws/regulations
- Keep abreast of policy updates on regulatory websites
- Network with fellow Compliance Directors
- Engage in professional development opportunities

#### Resources

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