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Two-part series on the new HIPAA guidelines on Security Breach Notification.

Compliance is September 23, 2009.

Are you prepared?

Jeff Rickman our HIPAA Webinar Presenter



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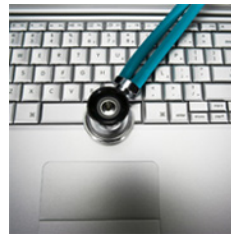
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Each month as we add webinars, white papers, and features, the subscription price will increase. The earlier you subscribe the more you will save. Subscriptions run through January 2010. September subscription price is \$130.

For our subscribers: thank you for all the suggestions on what you would like to know and how the subscriber pages can help. We are always happy to hear from you.

This month we will be concentrating on the impact of the HITECH Act on HIPAA. [Visit our new HIPAA page](#) for more information. Subscribers can view the new webinars detailing the HHS interim rules with a compliance date of September 23, 2009. We have also added additional resources along with the webinars on the Subscribers Only page.

Keeping Up



HITECH Updates

Visit [HITECH Updates](#) to read full post on what happened in August.

Read the "Waiting Room" post on what's on the horizon for the coming week.

What's been happening?

1. The semi-annual National Governors Association State Alliance for e-Health conference met in Burlington, VT August 7. A report, Preparing to Implement HITECH - A States Guide for Electronic Health Information Exchange was presented.
2. August 10, Todd Park, an Athena Health co-founder and Board of Director, became Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for HHS.
3. On August 14, the HIT Policy Committee adopted all recommendations from their workgroups.
4. HHS issued interim rules for both covered entities and business associates on PHI security breach notification on the 19th. View our webinars for details.
5. On the 20th, Vice President Biden and Secretary Sebelius announced \$1.2 billion in funds allocated for facilitating EHR adoption.
6. Also on the 20th, the HIT Standards committee met and approved all initial recommendations of their workgroups.
7. August 27, over 1200 participated in the ONC web conference detailing grant applications for Regional Centers. Available funds of \$598 million will be awarded to approximately 70 nonprofit organizations.
8. Registration is open for the [2009 Health 2.0 Conference](#) in San Francisco in October, register now before it is sold out.

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picks to follow*

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HIT Policy Committee.

Keep up to date on Meaningful Use by [visiting our page](#) devoted to "meaningful use".

HHS also created a page for Meaningful Use this month. Visit their page [here](#).

The next meeting is September 18, 2009.

HIT Standards Committee

The September meeting will be on the 15th. All meetings are public and you can participate over the web.

Stay informed on these committees and get the links for meeting agendas, materials, and how to participate, visit our site [here](#).

HITECH Grants

Current Regional Centers funding available is \$598 million for approximately 70 awards. Preliminary applications for the first of three funding cycles are due on September 8, 2009 and decisions to award will be December 11, 2009. Applicants must be a US-based nonprofit institution or organization. For more information visit the [HealthIT website](#).