Given the substantive changes underway in healthcare compliance and regulatory environments to address privacy and cybersecurity risks and assure contingency planning and stakeholder trust, organizations have focused extensive time and resources on conducting periodic organizational risk assessments, remediating compliance gaps, and meeting third-party assurance requirements.

EHNAC’s Consulting and Advisory Services are designed to serve as crucial guidance, providing healthcare stakeholders with the subject matter assistance in understanding requirements, conducting gap assessments and risk analysis, and providing the associated tools needed to improve processes, achieve best practices, and retain their competitive edge.
Consulting and Advisory Services assist organizations by helping them prepare to achieve industry compliance certification, readiness assessments, HITRUST certifications, SOC audits and EHNAC accreditations so that they meet all essential requirements for privacy, security, cybersecurity, health information exchange, and more.

Additionally, EHNAC’s Consulting and Advisory Services support healthcare’s need for robust privacy and security related to the collection, storage and transmission of Protected Health Information (PHI) while assuring valid and compliant risk-management and contingency-planning processes.

EHNAC’s Consulting and Advisory Services focus on two distinct areas:

- Pre-Assessment/Readiness Planning/Best Practices
- Consulting for All Stages of Privacy & Security Compliance
Customized services support all aspects of healthcare privacy and security compliance – whether for cybersecurity, HIPAA (privacy and security), HITECH (breach handling and mitigation), NIST (security best practices), or to obtain EHNAC accreditation, HITRUST certification or other related standards:

- **Awareness & Education** – Evaluation and understanding of the specific requirements to confidently determine which ones apply to a client’s business model/technical infrastructure and operation.

- **Analysis of Gaps** – Whether conducting a Cybersecurity Analysis, a HIPAA Security Risk Analysis, a HITECH Breach Risk Assessment, or any other type of risk-based assessment, EHNAC consultants document the difference between an organization’s requirements and the current state so that true risk is identified and a clear pathway to compliance is followed. This may include characterizing system functions and architecture as well as reviewing PHI flow documents and current policy and procedure documents.

- **Remediation** – Once an organization’s goals are documented, EHNAC’s experienced team applies proven tools to remediate compliance gaps. This may include policy and procedure and/or checklist development, PHI flow diagramming, contingency planning assistance, related training services and/or best practice IT/technical and/or resource recommendations.

- **Review/Auditing** – Once an organization achieves its desired level of compliance, steps need to be taken to assure its maintained. EHNAC’s experienced team can perform targeted audits/check-ups to provide the ongoing enhancements and refinements necessary for continued success.

The increasing number of business, policy drivers and regulatory requirements in our country create pressure for healthcare entities to minimize risk, address compliance requirements and improve health outcomes. EHNAC’s Consulting and Advisory Services help healthcare stakeholders face those challenges head on – providing the critical guidance and support needed to be at their very best.

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Why EHNAC?

The federally recognized standards development organization has accredited hundreds of companies and federal agencies and offers a suite of services to address privacy and security related risk mitigation and reduce internal compliance costs. EHNAC provides economies of scale by reducing redundancy with other assessments and contractual third-party assurance requirements.

EHNAC is well-regarded and highly-valued in the health IT marketplace, both for its subject matter knowledge and its expertise in areas such as privacy, security, breach handling and IT security frameworks and standards, as well as ensuring compliance with federal regulations regarding HIPAA, ARRA/HITECH, 21st Century Cures Act, NIST and others.

EHNAC’s senior staff including site reviewers and practitioners each have over 25+ years of healthcare experience, impeccable reputations in the industry, and comprehensive knowledge of the compliance issues their clients face.

For more on EHNAC and its Consulting and Advisory Services, visit www.ehnac.org/consulting.