The EHNAC Factor: Securing our Nation’s Healthcare Data
History

Founded in 1993, the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC) is an independent, federally recognized, standards development organization and tax-exempt, 501(c)(6) non-profit accrediting body designed to improve transactional quality, operational efficiency and data security in healthcare.

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC) grew out of the 1993 Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI), sponsored by the Network Architecture and Accreditation Technical Advisory Group. The healthcare transactions industry agreed there was a need for a self-governing body to develop standards for the industry, and the Association for Electronic Health Care Transactions (AFEHCT) championed the cause by sponsoring an Accreditation Workgroup.

More than thirty representatives from all facets of the healthcare transactions industry participated in a series of meetings and surveys to develop the first industry standards for data transmission, data security, advertising and resource capability. Funded by a loan from AFEHCT, the independent, self-governing EHNAC was born and began accrediting electronic health networks in 1995. Learn more about EHNAC’s leadership.

Advancing healthcare through standards

An independent, self-governing body, EHNAC represents a diverse cross-section of healthcare stakeholders. Electronic health networks, payers, hospitals, physicians, consumer groups, financial services firms, state regulators, security organizations and vendors are all working together to establish sound criteria for third party review and accreditation.

Our Mission

Promote accreditation in the healthcare industry to achieve quality and trust in healthcare information exchange through adoption and implementation of standards.
Improving your business through accreditation

Through this industry collaboration, EHNAC is realizing a shared vision and providing a valuable service through accreditation programs that promote standards, best practices, administrative simplification, open competition and protection of information exchange regarding security, privacy and confidentiality in the marketplace. Each EHNAC-recognized organization improves business processes, encourages innovation, improves quality of service, ensures regulatory compliance with HIPAA, HITECH, ARRA and the Affordable Healthcare Act, and expands market opportunities.

• Governed by a Commission of at least 9 healthcare industry stakeholders from private and public sector organizations

• Guided by peer evaluation promoting quality service, innovation, cooperation and open competition

• EHNAC is a nationally recognized, non-profit healthcare accreditation organization established in 1995 to develop standard criteria and accredit organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data.

• EHNAC’s publicly-available criteria are developed and continually enhanced through the input of industry experts from sectors all across healthcare.

Organizational Structure

Executive Director  Operations Vice President  Commissioners  Committees Executive Finance Criteria Nominating Marketing  Site Reviewers /Auditors
EHNAC Officers

Lee Barrett  
*Executive Director*

Debra Hopkinson  
*Vice President, Operations*

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Bill Alfveby  
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Sharon Klein  
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Robert Tennant  
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The Benefits - EHNAC Accreditation

EHNAC accreditation strengthens and protects your business while delivering important benefits:

• Provides independent and objective industry recognition to ensure a higher-level of stakeholder trust

• Drives regular, comprehensive and objective evaluation of policies, procedures and controls

• Gives organizations a competitive advantage in a crowded marketplace by confirming the ability to manage health data with integrity and effectiveness

• Uncovers areas to reduce costs, improve operational performance and increase customer satisfaction

• Identifies privacy, security, confidentiality and business risk exposures and mitigation strategies

• Allows organizations to meet regulatory compliance requirements and legislative mandates including:

  — HIPAA, ARRA/HITECH, Affordable Healthcare Act, Omnibus Rule and more

  — State of Maryland requirements for electronic health networks, ePrescribing and managed service organizations

  — State of New Jersey requirements for electronic health networks

  — State of Texas requirements for health information exchanges
EHNAC Accredited Organizations
EHNAC accreditation gives an organization’s prospects and customers full confidence in the privacy, security, performance, business practices and resources involved in healthcare information exchange and handling. With recognition from EHNAC, an organization raises awareness about the quality of its products and services, as well as compliance with industry standards.
EHNAC Accreditation Process

EHNAC believes that through successful completion of the accreditation process, organizations can more efficiently implement best practices, improve performance, and comply with industry standards. These guidelines are intended to answer any questions regarding accreditation, including accreditation types, the denials process, modifications, appeals and late penalties.

Candidate is approved and has 1 year to complete. Maximum 8 mos. to submit the self-assessment allowing up to 4 mos. for site review(s), final report and approval process.

Application
Ensures program qualification, collects information and fees

Self-Assessment
Demonstrates evidence of compliance with criteria

Site Review
Tests Self-Assessment claims via on-site review

Award
Awards level of accreditation achieved (Full, Provisional, Interim, Failed)
HITRUST CSF Certification

The HITRUST CSF certification – when attained in conjunction with the industry-specific EHNAC accreditation – demonstrates to business partners and prospects a commitment to the highest standards of data privacy and security.

The HITRUST CSF provides a comprehensive HIPAA privacy and security review, including HITECH and other applicable regulatory drivers such as PCI DSS, FTC Red Flags Rules and the FDA, etc.

The process includes a review of an organization’s risk management program and cyber readiness, and ensures consistency and accuracy of reporting on requirements for covered entities and business associates.

EHNAC is the only organization with the ability to provide both EHNAC accreditation and HITRUST CSF certification.

Why choose EHNAC as your HITRUST CSF Assessor?

- Using EHNAC for your HITRUST CSF assessment provides consistency between both certification and accreditation programs for HIPAA privacy and security compliance.
- Organizations achieving HITRUST certification will have 100% of their privacy and security credited to their EHNAC accreditation.
- Organizations that already have EHNAC accreditation will have developed the majority of their HIPAA-related HITRUST CSF privacy and security to apply to that certification.
- EHNAC site reviewers are also HITRUST Practitioners, making it easier for organizations to undergo audits.
- Obtaining both HITRUST CSF certification and EHNAC accreditation at the same time significantly reduces the time, expense and redundancy needed to prepare documentation and undergo required site visits.
- EHNAC is participating on key HITRUST workgroups, advocating strong continuing education and industry requirements regarding privacy and security are communicated and included in future CSF versions.
EHNAC is committed to ensuring that healthcare organizations mitigate cyber and ransomware security risks and meet their government’s specific standards and regulatory requirements. For organizations who have already obtained or are working to achieve accreditation through one of EHNAC’s 18 stakeholder-specific accreditation programs, EHNAC also offers HITRUST CSF certification as well as a System and Organization Controls (SOC) examination.

Made possible through a partnership with Top 20 National Accounting and Consulting Firm Wipfli LLP, organizations can leverage the time and resource commitments already put into attaining an EHNAC accreditation to fulfill industry compliance requirements by securing a SOC 1, SOC 2, SOC 3 or SOC for Cybersecurity examination.

“By offering both SOC examinations and HITRUST CSF certifications, EHNAC now serves as the total compliance partner for healthcare organizations, furthering their commitment to managing health data with integrity and effectiveness while also providing confidence that stringent security/privacy controls and protocols are implemented.

Lee Barrett, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
EHNAC
Consulting and Advisory Services

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, NIST and others. As such, EHNAC is now offering Consulting and Advisory Services designed to serve as a 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.

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 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. Through EHNAC’s Consulting and Advisory Services, these experts will assist organizations 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.

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
Why EHNAC?

Here are the top 10 reasons why healthcare’s best companies choose to distinguish themselves with accreditation and certification from the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission.

1. **One-of-a-Kind**
   - EHNAC is the ONLY organization with the ability to provide both EHNAC accreditation and HITRUST CSF® certification.

2. **Stakeholder-specific**
   - EHNAC accreditation programs serve the unique needs of individual stakeholders – from ACOs, data registries and health networks to e-prescribing vendors, HIEs, payers and more!

3. **Transparent**
   - With EHNAC’s open processes – from pricing to criteria development and the application process – organizations know what’s required, every step of the way.

4. **No Risky Business**
   - Accreditation reduces risk to PHI and operations through the demonstration of a risk management program with effective controls to minimize threats.

5. **Improved Operations**
   - Through comprehensive and objective evaluation of policies, procedures and controls, the accreditation process uncovers opportunities to reduce costs and improve operational performance.

6. **Wise Beyond Our Years**
   - All EHNAC practitioners and reviewers have 25+ years healthcare experience and are experts in their unique business areas including secure messaging, operations and privacy and security best practices.

7. **Ready for Anything**
   - EHNAC accreditation prepares organizations for 3rd party requirements including HIPAA/HITECH compliance, trading partner audits and compliance with state mandates.

8. **Industry Champions**
   - EHNAC’s recognized leaders are committed to improving the security of healthcare data through various federal cybersecurity initiatives, including the VA, ONC, OCR, WEDI and the HHS National Task Group.

9. **Redundancy Elimination**
   - Obtaining both HITRUST CSF® certification and EHNAC accreditation at the same time significantly reduces the time, expense and redundancy of both programs.

10. **Zeroed in on Healthcare**
    - Our 18+ accreditation programs are specifically designed to ensure the privacy and security of the Protected Health Information (PHI) that flows through healthcare organizations.
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TNAP Announces Finalized Criteria for Inaugural Accreditation Program

Accreditation to ensure health exchange organization adherence to security, privacy, regulatory compliance and rights management

The Trusted Network Accreditation Program (TNAP) healthcare collaborative today announced the release of final criteria, TNAP v1.0, for its accreditation program. The criteria, finalized after a 60-day public comment period and beta testing process, and developed leveraging a multi-stakeholder, consensus-based process, will assess an health exchange organization’s ability to demonstrate alignment with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology’s (ONC’s) Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) requirements. The accreditation program will also assess compliance with federal privacy and security requirements along with a review of technical performance, business processes and resource management. The program will be administrated by the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC), a non-profit standards development organization and accrediting body for organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data.

“TNAP will provide critically needed third-party accreditation to assist healthcare exchange entities such as qualified health information networks (QHINs), health information networks, health information exchanges, accountable care organizations, data registries and others better protect patient information,” stated Lee Barrett, EHNAC Executive Director and CEO.

Organizations applying for TNAP accreditation can select one of two programs: TNAP-QHIN accreditation or TNAP-Participant/Participant Member accreditation. TNAP-QHIN accreditation is tailored towards healthcare entities who desire to be identified by the Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE) as a QHIN. TNAP-Participant/Participant Member accreditation is for those organizations who desire to be recognized as a Participant or as a Participant Member in the ONC Trusted Exchange Framework.
“The opinions, comments and recommendations provided by the six beta candidates (EMR Direct, eP3 Foundation, IdentTrust, iShare Medical, Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services and SecureHIT) were invaluable in shaping this new accreditation program,” stated Barrett. “As initial testing sites for the accreditation criteria, the participating beta organizations developed real-world, specific use cases and evaluated the necessity, appropriateness and workability of the program’s criteria ahead of the official launch of TNAP v1.0,” added Barrett.

Healthcare industry stakeholders are encouraged to visit the TNAP website to download and review the TNAP criteria in full detail. Applicant candidates commencing the accreditation process will be required to adhere to TNAP v.1.0.

About TNAP
The Trusted Network Accreditation Program was developed to directly align with the development of the 21st Century Cures Act and the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement. TNAP seeks to promote interoperability by assuring the security and privacy of trusted networks and the use of enabling technologies in the healthcare ecosystem. The program provides third-party review with accreditation for Trusted Exchange participants, addressing existing security and privacy compliance mandates, and rights management, as well as compliance with new TEFCA regulatory requirements. For more information, visit https://trustednetworkap.org/
Relevant News Announcements:

**Trusted Network Accreditation Program (TNAP) Announces Participating Beta Organizations Ahead of Finalizing Program Criteria**

*Six beta organizations to provide early feedback prior to launch of accreditation program later this year*

The Trusted Network Accreditation Program (TNAP) collaborative, established to directly align with the 21st Century Cures Act and the development of the Trusted Exchange Framework with Common Agreement (TEFCA), today named six healthcare organizations, selected by the TNAP Steering Committee Beta Workgroup, who are serving as beta candidates and initial testing sites for its draft accreditation program. The participating beta organizations have developed specific use cases and are providing feedback to the program, through September 1st, ahead of the official launch of TNAP v1.0 later this year.

“The Trusted Network Accreditation Program will be driven heavily by our beta organizations who are eager to establish the means for an independent third-party review and assessment,” said Lee Barrett, executive director and CEO of the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC), one of the organizations involved in facilitating the initiative. “Through ongoing communication with these organizations during the beta period, we have the ability to better understand how users receive and implement the program and its corresponding criteria. This feedback will prove crucial as we move toward finalizing this accreditation program aimed at promoting interoperability by assuring healthcare exchange entities are adhering to the latest best practices and standards in privacy and security, as well as meeting all current federal privacy and security compliance mandates.”

TNAP will provide third-party accreditation for healthcare exchange entities such as qualified health information networks (QHINs), participants, health information exchanges, accountable care organizations, data registries, participant members and other stakeholders. The participating beta organizations that have developed specific use cases and are providing ongoing feedback to the program’s criteria until September 1st include:
• EMR Direct – A leading developer of software for secure health information exchange and provider of Direct Messaging, HL7 FHIR®, IHE Query and Identity Services, will focus on delivering APIs that provide QHIN participants with simplified access to TEFCA interoperable exchange, designed for rapid integration into existing customer platforms. Building on EMR Direct’s extensive experience with HL7 FHIR, the FHIR standard is an additional option for participant access.

• eP3 Foundation – This nonprofit privacy organization is developing a broad-based technical infrastructure, focusing their use case on consent tracking between guardians and foster children.

• IdentTrust – Part of HID Global, IdenTrust is a leading provider of digital certificates that establish the basis for trusted identity solutions recognized by financial institutions, healthcare providers, government agencies and enterprises around the world. Their use case is focusing on the emphasized identity and authentication portions of future data exchange.

• iShare Medical – iShare Medical will provide QHIN participants the ability to securely share health information among trusted identity managed endpoints regardless of care setting, provider or EHR system. iShare Medical’s use case focuses on HIPAA compliant registration for notification and sharing of medical records.

• Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) – Functioning as a Health Information Exchange (HIE), this organization’s use case is focused on testing the admission, discharge and transfer information to enhance coordinated clinical care.

• Secure Health Information Technology, Corp. (SecureHIT) – This Puerto Rico-based Health Information Service Provider (HISP) is facilitating the communication of lab results between the hurricane-ravaged satellite island and the mainland.

“As beta participants throughout the consultative and consensus-driven process of program development, these six industry stakeholders are the first to undergo evaluation of their compliance against the program’s criteria as they progress towards becoming the first organizations to receive full TNAP accreditation status,” added Barrett.

Last month, the collaboration announced a 60-day public comment and review period of the TNAP v.1.0 draft criteria for its accreditation program. During this time, the healthcare industry is invited to offer feedback on the criteria for this new accreditation program which is open through September 19th. Visit www.ehnac.org to review the TNAP criteria and submit feedback during this comment period through the Criteria Comment Form.
About EMR Direct

EMR Direct is headquartered in San Diego, California, and provides Direct Messaging, HL7 FHIR, IHE Query and Identity Services; integration APIs; and the supporting public key infrastructure required for secure health information exchange. The Interoperability Engine platform is ONC 2015 Edition Certified and integrates seamlessly into other applications without requiring expensive, one-off, peer-to-peer interfaces. EMR Direct Express Lane Trusted Exchange™ services allow customers simplified yet secure access to the Trusted Exchange Framework through the phiQuery and phiMail APIs. These SDKs for query and Direct messaging, available for multiple different application frameworks and integrated into over 140 certified Health IT products, enable network query and message delivery without the overhead of standing up and maintaining additional infrastructure to service an endpoint on the network. Building on EMR Direct’s extensive experience with HL7 FHIR, the FHIR standard can also be used to access Express Lane services. EMR Direct is committed to protecting patient privacy and data security, improving the quality and coordination of care, increasing productivity and reducing costs.

About eP3 Foundation

EP3 Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is a multi-sector community of nonprofits, standards organizations, industry leaders, researchers and government agencies committed to improving health, education, and wellness by empowering people with privacy and personalization. The EP3 Foundation networks use new data paradigms to give you the power to access, protect and share data without revealing personal or sensitive information.

The foundation’s networks are open, vendor-neutral and support any participants’ trust criteria. They open data silos to allow access to the data you agree to share for research, clinical trials and to authorize identity, while still protecting confidentiality. To learn more, visit ep3foundation.org, contact info@ep3foundation.org or follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter.

About IdenTrust

IdenTrust, part of HID Global, is a leader in trusted identity solutions recognized by financial institutions, government agencies and businesses around the world. IdenTrust offers the only bank-developed identity authentication system and provides a legally and technologically interoperable environment for authenticating and using identities in more than 175 countries. IdenTrust provides a spectrum of digital certificates and associated services that ensure the “gold standard” for defining, issuing and managing TRUST on a global basis. IdenTrust is part of HID Global, an ASSA ABLOY Group brand. For more information about IdenTrust, visit http://www.IdenTrust.com.
About iShare Medical
iShare Medical is EHNAC Accredited for HIPAA Privacy and Security and DirectTrust Accredited as a Health Information Services Provider and DirectTrust Trust Anchor currently providing proven healthcare interoperability nationwide. iShare Medical services include secure nationwide sharing of medical records, identity management, patient matching, directory services, and software integration via RESTful APIs. iShare Medical is innovating the future of healthcare® starting at its core with a normalized database organized around the person that allows their customers the ability to securely get, organize, use and share health information regardless of care setting, provider, or EHR system, iShare Medical customers are patients and HIPAA covered entities such as providers, payers, and the business associates who serve them who use iShare Medical’s software to help improve care and outcomes, reduce costs, and save lives.

About Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN)
The Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) is Michigan’s state-designated entity to improve healthcare quality, efficiency and patient safety by sharing electronic health information statewide, helping reduce costs for patients, providers and payers. MiHIN is a nonprofit, public-private collaboration that includes stakeholders from the State of Michigan, Health Information Exchanges serving Michigan, health systems and providers, health plans/payers, pharmacies and the Governor’s Health Information Technology Commission. For more information, visit https://mihin.org.

About SecureHIT
Secure Health Information Technology, Corp. (SecureHIT) is a DirectTrust Accredited Health Information Service Provider (HISP). The platform offers you the ability to send and receive protected health information within a network of more than 300 electronic medical record systems by inserting our clients into the National Trusted Bundle Directory in a fully interoperable and independent way that can meet the requirements of the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS). Based in Puerto Rico, SecureHIT has more than 15 years of experience in the implementation of electronic medical records and systems for the exchange of health information. For more information, visit http://www.securehitpr.com/.

About the Trusted Network Accreditation Program (TNAP)
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EHNAC Announces Launch of Consulting and Advisory Services

New offerings to provide healthcare stakeholders with crucial guidance on conducting organizational risk assessments, remediating compliance gaps, and meeting third-party assurance requirements

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC), a non-profit standards development organization and accrediting body for organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data, today announced the addition of new Consulting and Advisory Services. The new offerings are designed to provide healthcare stakeholders with crucial guidance on conducting organizational risk assessments, remediating compliance gaps, and meeting third-party assurance requirements as they navigate the continuously evolving industry compliance and regulatory environments.

“The increasing number of business, policy drivers and regulatory requirements in our country create pressure for healthcare entities to manage and minimize risk, address compliance requirements and improve health outcomes,” said Lee Barrett, executive director and chief executive officer of EHNAC. “That’s why we’ve launched our Consulting and Advisory Services, so we can be on the front lines in assisting healthcare stakeholders address those challenges head on – providing the critical guidance and support needed to be at their very best and retain their competitive edge.”

Through the new Consulting and Advisory Services, EHNAC consultants will advise, recommend and guide healthcare organizations as they prepare for industry compliance certification, readiness assessments, HITRUST and SOC audits, and EHNAC accreditations so that all essential requirements for privacy, security, cybersecurity, and health information exchange are met. These services help healthcare stakeholders identify existing gaps in their organizational infrastructure and provide remediation solutions and documented instruction on best practices, as well as practical tips on mitigation.

The new service offerings also provide support for all stages of 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. For more information on EHNAC’s Consulting and Advisory Services, visit https://www.ehnac.org/consulting/
Relevant News Announcements:

EHNAC Partners with National Accounting Firm Wipfli to Offer SOC 2 Compliance

*Third-party accreditor augments suite of auditing services to help accredited organizations meet security compliance requirements and enhance stakeholder confidence*

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC), a non-profit standards development organization and accrediting body for organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data, today announced a partnership with top 20 national accounting and consulting firm Wipfli LLP. Through this strategic partnership, EHNAC can now offer current EHNAC accredited organizations and candidates a System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2 examination as part of its suite of privacy and cybersecurity service offerings, which includes HITRUST CSF Certification.

“By offering both SOC 2 examinations and HITRUST CSF certifications, EHNAC now serves as the total compliance partner for healthcare organizations, furthering their commitment to managing health data with integrity and effectiveness while also providing peace of mind that stringent security protocols are in place,” said Lee Barrett, executive director of EHNAC. “This collaboration with Wipfli extends our ability to ensure that healthcare organizations continue to mitigate cyber and ransomware security risks and meet their government’s specific standards and regulatory requirements.”

Beginning in January of 2019, organizations that have already obtained or are working to achieve accreditation through one of EHNAC’s 18 stakeholder-specific accreditation programs and/or CSF certification will be able to leverage that assessment in obtaining a SOC 2 report to fulfill compliance requirements.

“Helping health care organizations achieve compliance with industry standards and best practices
“Helping health care organizations achieve compliance with industry standards and best practices has been a long-standing commitment of the firm,” said Torpey White, Risk Services Partner at Wipfli. “Combining our System and Organization Controls (SOC) audit expertise with EHNAC’s accreditations will be beneficial to clients as well as their constituents. Our partnership with EHNAC comes at a crucial time for health care organizations when demand for control over the security and privacy of data is increasing and this collaboration underscores our commitment to the health care industry.”

SOC examinations allow organizations to disclose their business control activities and processes, which in turn, provides independent assurance to customers, prospects and financial statement auditors that their processes and controls are sound. Developed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), SOC 2 reports focus on a business’s non-financial reporting controls as they relate to security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality and privacy of a system.

For more information on EHNAC’s accreditation and certification offerings, visit www.ehnac.org.
Relevant News Announcements:

EHNAC Achieves HITRUST CSF Assessor Designation for Healthcare Organizations

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC), a non-profit standards development organization and accrediting body for organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data, today announced that it has been designated HITRUST CSF Assessor by the Health Information Trust Alliance (HITRUST). With this achievement, EHNAC is now approved to provide services using the HITRUST CSF, a comprehensive security framework that addresses a multitude of security, privacy and regulatory challenges facing healthcare organizations in order to comply with healthcare (HIPAA, HITECH), third-party (PCI, COBIT) and government (NIST, FTC) regulations and standards.

CSF Assessors are critical to helping uphold information security and privacy standards for the healthcare industry. They form a core component of the HITRUST CSF program by providing trained resources to healthcare organizations to assess compliance with security control requirements. They also oversee the creation of corrective action plans that align with the CSF.

“Our designation as a HITRUST CSF Assessor is the next step in our recently announced partnership with HITRUST to streamline the security and compliance assurances of the healthcare industry through more leadership and efficiency, and less complexity, redundancy and costs,” said Lee Barrett, executive director of EHNAC. “We are now the only organization in the industry with the ability to provide both EHNAC accreditation and HITRUST CSF certification. Organizations that obtain a CSF certification may also leverage that assessment in obtaining accreditation for any of EHNAC’s 18 stakeholder-specific accreditation programs.”

“We are pleased to have EHNAC as a CSF Assessor to help healthcare organizations with the process of adopting and utilizing the CSF’s requirements and give their customers confidence in the protection of their information,” said Ken Vander Wal, chief compliance officer, HITRUST. “The company’s long-standing expertise and leadership in health IT privacy and security solutions make it a perfect addition to our program.”
Trust is Everything in Healthcare

When privacy, security and confidentiality of healthcare data is on the line, a trusted name is a game-changer in today's marketplace. EHNAC accreditation has been trusted and respected in the industry for more than 25 years.