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# Health Information Trust Alliance (HITRUST) Common Security Framework (CSF)

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## Background

- HITRUST Alliance (privately held company) formed in 2007 by leaders in the health care industry to establish a common framework for information security and compliance
- Developed the Common Security Framework (CSF) and CSF Assurance Program to support adoption, assessments, and compliance
- Partnered with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services beginning in 2014 to coordinate CyberRX, a series of no-cost, industry-wide simulation exercises for cyber preparedness and response



## HITRUST Board of Directors

- Children's Medical Center (Dallas, TX)
- Health Care Service Corporation
- UnitedHealth Group
- Walgreens
- Epic Systems Corporation
- IMS Health
- Highmark
- Anthem
- Humana
- Express Scripts



# HITRUST Common Security Framework

- Developed to address security, privacy, and regulatory challenges faced by healthcare organizations
- Harmonizes and cross references existing standards and requirements: HIPAA, HITECH, NIST, ISO, PCI, FTC, COBIT and State laws
- Scales controls according to type, size, and complexity of an organization
- Provides prescriptive requirements to ensure clarity among adopters



## HITRUST Common Security Framework

- Follows a risk-based approach offering multiple levels of implementation requirements determined by risks and thresholds
- Allows for the adoption of alternate controls when necessary based on adopter requirements
- Evolves according to user input and changing conditions in the healthcare industry and regulatory environment on an annual basis
- Provides an industry-wide approach for managing Business Associate compliance



## Document Reference

- HITRUST Key Programs 2015  
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- HITRUST CSF Comparison Whitepaper  
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- HITRUST CSF-NIST Crosswalk  
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[https://hitrustalliance.net/documents/cyber\\_intel/cyberrx/CyberRX2Playbook\\_LVL1.pdf](https://hitrustalliance.net/documents/cyber_intel/cyberrx/CyberRX2Playbook_LVL1.pdf)
- Other HITRUST Downloads  
<https://hitrustalliance.net/content-spotlight/>



## Proposed HITSAC Action

- Direct HITSAC staff to work with Commonwealth Security to explore feasibility of adopting the HITRUST CSF as a Commonwealth ITRM Health IT Guideline



## For More Information

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