

Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area Selects PCIHIPAA as a Shared Service Partner

HCNCA adds PCIHIPAA as a Shared Service Partner to help its members with HIPAA compliance and patient privacy and security requirements



CALVERTON , MARYLAND, UNITED STATES, January 22, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area](#) is partnering with [PCIHIPAA](#) to help protect its members from the onslaught of ransomware attacks, HIPAA violations, and data breaches impacting physicians in the Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia areas.

Under HIPAA's Security and Privacy Rules, healthcare providers are required to take proactive steps to protect sensitive patient information. The partnership comes on the heels of an important announcement surrounding HIPAA compliance regulation. The Director of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights recently stated, "Just because you are a small medical or dental practice doesn't mean we're not looking and that you are safe if you are violating the law. You won't be." In addition, according to The Maryland Healthcare Commission Report, from 2013 to 2016 Maryland and Virginia rank in the Top 15 States with the most total patient healthcare records that have been compromised.

"The HCNCA has been helping healthcare providers for over 70 years. Today, it's critical that our members understand the risks surrounding HIPAA compliance and patient data privacy and security laws. We vetted many HIPAA compliance providers and believe PCIHIPAA's [OfficeSafe](#) Compliance Program is the perfect solution to add to our Shared Services Program. PCIHIPAA's compliance program is robust and easy to implement. I'm confident our members will experience savings, convenience and peace of mind." said Les Pitton, President and CEO of The Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, OCR has received over 150,000 HIPAA complaints following the issuance of the Privacy Rule in April 2003. A rising number of claims filed under HIPAA in recent years have led many patients to question whether or not their personal payment and health information is safe. As the government has become more aggressive in HIPAA enforcement, large settlements have become widespread and rising penalties for HIPAA non-compliance are a reality.

According to HHS.gov, the types of HIPAA violations most often identified are:

- 1) Impermissible uses and disclosures of protected health information (PHI)
- 2) Lack of technology safeguards of PHI
- 3) Lack of adequate contingency planning in case of a data breach or ransomware attack
- 4) Lack of administrative safeguards of PHI
- 5) Lack of a mandatory HIPAA risk assessment
- 6) Lack of executed Business Associate Agreements

7) Lack of employee training and updated policies and procedures

“We are honored to be added as a Shared Service partner of The Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area. They have a 70 year track record of helping healthcare providers solve common problems. PCIHIPAA's mission is to help physicians easily and affordably navigate HIPAA requirements and provide the solutions they need to protect their practices. We find that many practices don't have the resources to navigate HIPAA law, and are unaware of common vulnerabilities. We're excited to work with The HCNCA to help their members protect their practices and their reputation.” said Jeff Broudy, CEO of PCIHIPAA.

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The Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area

The Healthcare Council, founded in 1946 as the Hospital Council, is an association of healthcare providers, schools and health-related institutions serving Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. The Council assists its members by promoting intelligent planning, facilitating discussion of common problems and acting as a clearinghouse for the exchange of information. They use a variety of tools to accomplish that mission.

About PCIHIPAA

PCIHIPAA is an industry leader in PCI and HIPAA compliance providing turnkey, convenient solutions for its clients. Delivering primary security products to mitigate the liabilities facing dentists and doctors, PCIHIPAA removes the complexities of financial and legal compliance to PCI and HIPAA regulations to ensure that health and dental practices are educated about what HIPAA laws require and how to remain in full compliance. Learn more at OfficeSafe.com and PCIHIPAA.com.

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