

SDG Technology Group Teams With PCIHIPAA to Protect Healthcare Providers

SDG Technology Group has partnered with PCIHIPAA to proactively assist healthcare providers with HIPAA requirements, and common vulnerabilities

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[SDG Technology Group](#) ("SDG") is partnering with [PCIHIPAA](#) to help its clients with HIPAA requirements and privacy and security safeguards. 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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights recently announced that random HIPAA audits are expected to continue throughout 2018. In addition, the rising number of patient privacy claims, and ransomware attacks on the healthcare industry, has escalated the importance of taking proactive steps to properly protect patient data.



"SDG is a leader in serving the assisted living community, as well as other healthcare providers. We find that many of our clients want to focus on caring for patients, and they don't have the resources to adequately navigate complex HIPAA compliance and regulatory issues. We vetted many providers and believe PCIHIPAA's [OfficeSafe](#) Compliance Program is the perfect solution for our clients. With our partnership, SDG has taken a leadership role by helping providers mitigate risks associated with HIPAA compliance and overall data breach protection," said Dave Gleason, CEO of SDG Technology Group.

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 excited to be working with Dave Gleason and everyone at SDG. They are leaders in the assisted living industry and are on the forefront of helping their clients protect the security and privacy of their patient information. Identity theft continues to be an issue for all healthcare providers. Our partnership with SDG will accelerate the implementation of key safeguards.” said Jeff Broudy CEO of PCIHIPAA. “Our mission is to help the healthcare industry easily and affordably navigate HIPAA requirements and provide the solutions they need to protect their patients. The partnership with SDG is a great fit.” adds Broudy.

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