

Lewis Creek Systems, LLC

HIPAA Compliance Services Specialist

Lewis Creek Systems is a management systems consulting firm founded in 1982, specializing in healthcare information privacy and security regulatory compliance and HIPAA in particular.

The Founder and Director of Compliance Services of Lewis Creek Systems is Jim Sheldon-Dean, an authority on healthcare information privacy and security and an award-winning figure in the privacy and security community. Lewis Creek Systems offers a complete suite of services in information privacy and security, through its own abilities and a set of alliances and partnerships.

How Can We Help With HIPAA Compliance?

The **HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules** require a number of policies and procedures to be established, and actions to be taken for compliance.

The **HIPAA Privacy Rule** is undergoing significant changes with new patient rights and new restrictions on uses and disclosures of PHI going into effect. Lewis Creek Systems can:

- **Review your HIPAA Privacy policies** to ensure they meet the new regulations, and
- **Provide the training necessary** to get your staff up to speed on your HIPAA policies, new and old.

The **HIPAA Security Rule** isn't changing much, but it's being enforced more fully and you need to be sure you have the risk analysis, policies, and procedures necessary to protect PHI. We can:

- **Perform a HIPAA Security Risk Analysis** to identify the areas you need to focus on for reducing your security risks,
- **Review your HIPAA Security policies** to make sure they meet the extensive requirements of the rules, **provide new policy language** where needed, and **provide the training** you need to make sure policies are actually implemented and followed,
- **Provide technical security specialists** to review the technical security of systems and networks and **recommend and implement improvements**, and
- **Establish the documentation** necessary to show compliance, and **documentation systems** needed to stay in compliance.

The **HIPAA Breach Notification Rule** requires that you have an incident handling process that will help you determine whether an incident is a breach or not, and what to do if it is. Lewis Creek Systems can:

- **Review your policies and procedures** to ensure you have what you need in the event of a potential breach, and
- Provide the policies and processes to help **prevent breaches, prepare for the eventuality of breaches, and provide a guide for what to do** when a breach actually occurs.

Business Associates have new obligations under the HIPAA regulations that will require changes to the Business Associate Agreements you have in place as well as new ones going forward. Lewis Creek Systems can help you:

- **Prioritize your BA agreements** for review and updating, and
- **Provide language** to amend current agreements and create a new template.

New audit and enforcement activities raise the bar for compliance with HIPAA. We can help you:

- Work through the **compliance questions asked of other entities** in prior audits,
- Understand **the most common risks** and how they can be minimized, and
- Avoid the **problems** the enforcers from the US Department of Health and Human Services find **most often**, and the **finest** they'll be happy to levy for non-compliance.

To Find Out More...

For security and compliance **resources**, privacy and security **regulatory compliance news**, and other information related to compliance with HIPAA

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