

HISPC – Nine Privacy and Security Domains

The interim assessment of variation will explore the organization-level business policies and practices currently in place in the following nine privacy and security domains:

1. User and entity authentication to verify that a person or entity seeking access to electronic personal health information is who they claim to be.
2. Information authorization and access controls to allow access to only people or software programs that have been granted access rights to electronic personal health information.
3. Patient and provider identification to match identities across multiple information systems and locate electronic personal health information across enterprises.
4. Information transmission security or exchange protocols (encryption, etc.) for information that is being exchanged over an electronic communications network.
5. Information protections so that electronic personal health information cannot be improperly modified.
6. Information audits that record and monitor the activity of health information systems.
7. Administrative or physical security safeguards required to implement a comprehensive security platform for health IT.
8. State law restrictions about information types and classes, and the solutions by which electronic personal health information can be viewed and exchanged.
9. Information use and disclosure policies that arise as health care entities share clinical health information electronically.

The interim assessment of variation report shall address the nine domains specified, but we will leave open the potential for additional domains to be added to the report by the state subcontractors.

The State Variations Working Group (VWG) is tasked with addressing the above nine domains. The VWG will assess organization-level business practices and categorize them as best practices, barriers, or neutral. The VWG will work with stakeholders and review its report with them to establish that it is exhaustive.

The state Legal Working Group (LWG) will map policy barriers to state law. The state will then draft the assessment of variation report, which integrates the work of the VWG and LWG into a single document and will review it with the state Steering Committee before its submission to RTI.