



HIPAA Audits Are Coming! (8.17.16) (Trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#))

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HIPAA Compliance Part 9: The Audits Are Coming!

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has released new HIPAA Audit Protocol for Phase 2 audits and [Business Associate Listing Template](#) for Covered Entities.

The biggest change to the audit protocol is that OCR has updated what's required of Business Associates (BAs) versus what's required of Covered Entities (CEs). The guidance is extensive and covers each type of audit along with precisely what action needs to be taken and by whom.

Covered Entities and Business Associates have already begun being notified via email of their potential inclusion in Phase 2.

Who Will Be Audited?

[OCR](#) has included explicit provisions in their Phase 2 audits to include both CEs and BAs in their program this time around, saying that "every covered entity and business associate is eligible for an audit."

They are looking for Covered Entities and Business Associates that vary in size, operation, and location. OCR will look at a wide range of potential auditees to attain a broad analysis of HIPAA compliance across the health care industry.

If a Covered Entity or Business Associate is chosen to be a part of the group of potential auditees, they can expect the process to follow a fairly simple route: [click here for details](#).



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