

HALL RENDER LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE HIPAA MICROSITE

The Department of Health and Human Services by the end of the year is expected to publish its final regulations implementing changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") arising from the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH"). With these regulations pending and a trend toward increasing enforcement under HIPAA, Hall Render has created a microsite intended to be a single comprehensive resource for tracking various HIPAA-related regulatory developments and for following our analysis and practical guidance. In addition to industry and provider specific developments and analysis, you will find user-friendly access to various news and health policy issues. As the nation's largest health care focused law firm, Hall Render is uniquely positioned to keep you informed of all aspects of HIPAA matters and to assist you in responding to the important opportunities and challenges that the current and future regulations create.

Hall Render's *HIPAA IMPACT SERIES* will continue to provide practical guidance relating to various HIPAA issues, including detailed analysis of the new regulations once they are issued. The series consists of email alerts and periodic articles and analysis, each written by Hall Render attorneys with in-depth knowledge and essential experience.

Hall Render provides a variety of services and products to assist in achieving compliance with HIPAA and HITECH. Members of the firm's HIPAA practice group have experience assisting clients on matters including: HIPAA policy assessment and development; workforce and management training; privacy and security audits; risk assessments; drafting, reviewing and negotiating business associate agreements; privacy notice development; breach assessment and notification; corrective actions; OCR and Attorney General investigation response; and general advice regarding the use, disclosure, exchange, retention and destruction of health information. Hall Render attorneys have advised health systems, hospitals, hospital associations, physician practices, ambulatory surgical centers, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, health plans, health care clearinghouses, business associates and health information exchanges.

In addition, Hall Render has developed various HIPAA compliance toolkits to guide covered entities and business associates in their HIPAA compliance efforts, including privacy and security toolkits for hospitals, physicians, health plans and long-term care facilities, as well as a HIPAA audit tool. Hall Render attorneys regularly publish and speak nationally on matters relating to HIPAA and HITECH compliance.

Please visit our site for current information and resources regarding:

- BA Agreements
- Breach Notification Rule
- Disclosures
- HIPAA
- HITECH
- Judicial and Administrative Proceedings
- Minimum Necessary Requirements
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- Preemption of State Law
- Privacy Rule
- Protected Health Information (PHI)
- Safeguards

- Security Rule