



## **ACR 2 Solutions releases**

### **HIPAA Security Rule Compliance Reporter**

#### **Product offers roadmap to full HIPAA Security Rule compliance**

Buford, GA., June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 – ACR 2 Solutions, Inc., a pioneer of Information Security and Regulatory Compliance software solutions, announced the release of their newest product - HIPAA Security Rule Compliance Reporter. Recent changes in the HIPAA Security Rule require medical offices, medical labs, pharmacies, medical billing services and all users of Protected Health Information to become fully compliant with the HIPAA Security Rule by the year 2011. These entities are now subject to significant fines, of up to \$1.5 million, in the case of data breaches and the loss of patient personal information.

Nationally, data breaches are big news and this change in HIPAA, along with many states new data breach laws, reflects the sentiment of the public; if an organization is entrusted with a patient's personal information that entity must safeguard that information. Identity Theft, the fastest growing area of organized crime, is beginning to focus on medical record databases as prime targets of vital information such as billing addresses and information, social security numbers, etc. ACR2 Solutions provides the way for the medical community to fully comply with all regulations, thus improving the security of their vital and valuable Protected Health Information.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, (commonly known as the “stimulus bill”) not only provides funds to speed the adoption of Electronic Health Records, but also increases penalties for failing to secure Protected Health Information. The ACR2 Solutions product provides the medical field the mechanism to ensure that their internal computer systems and those of their business associates comply with the HIPAA Security Rule changes, and secure the Protected Health Information transmitted to and from them. These Business Associates, many of which were not previously subject to penalties for failing to safeguard Protected Health Information, are now required to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule regulations in the same manner as all medical practitioners. Significant penalties apply to anyone who fails to safeguard Protected Health Information.

Our products use the US Government's security framework developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for assessing the security of computer systems. This standard provides a roadmap for securing medical database systems in order to harden those systems and secure the Protected Health Information. Our product will secure the medical office computer network and allow the development of the required HIPAA Security Rule Policy. When an organization installs an Electronic Health Record database it will both be secure from identity thieves, while at the same time providing access to other practitioners and other authorized users.

“Our recent Risk Reporter family of products assist companies in numerous areas of the most difficult and time consuming components of compliance; now with the HIPAA

Security Rule Compliance Reporter, we have created a powerful tool that can help limit liability, fines and breach notification requirements, while guiding companies to full HIPAA Security Rule compliance.” stated Jack Kolk, President of ACR 2 Solutions.

For more information on HIPAA Security Rule Compliance Reporter, go to [www.acr2solutions.com](http://www.acr2solutions.com) or call Mike Regan at 706-632-3413.

**About ACR 2 Solutions:** The company specializes in the growing information security and compliance market, focusing on risk assessment and management for regulatory compliance with federal laws including GLBA, HIPAA, FISMA and the payment card industry requirement of PCI DSS. ACR2 offers automated security risk assessment solutions helping companies meet federal compliance requirements for monitoring and reporting.