



Eide Bailly Technology Consulting

HIPAA Security Consulting Case Study

Client

Sedgwick County Health Center

Location

Julesburg, Colorado

Industry

Health Care

Eide Bailly Services

GAP Analysis
HIPAA Security Review
Report Writing

What Our Client Says

“Eide Bailly Technology Consulting took the time to really listen to our needs—and not just put out a HIPAA Security Plan that was generic in nature. We count on Eide Bailly to provide us with the answers and knowledge regarding our changing industry. As fast as the health care industry changes, Eide Bailly has always been on top of the game, providing us with the most current rules, regulations and interpretations.”

*~ Karla Dunker, CFO
Sedgwick County
Health Center*

Client Profile

Sedgwick County Health Center (SCHC) includes a 25-bed critical access hospital, a 32-bed intermediate care facility and a 26-bed personal care boarding home. SCHC, which was started in 1950, accommodates a service area of approximately 6,000. The medical staff and employees are truly dedicated to providing quality care for the residents of Sedgwick County and the Nebraska Panhandle.

Situation

Federal legislation passed into law the HIPAA Security Rule, which requires all covered entities to comply with HIPAA regulations to maintain reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of electronic health information. SCHC was looking for the best method to address the security portion of these requirements. As with many community facilities, SCHC did not have a full-time employee dedicated to the administration of technology, and its employees who did have IT-related responsibilities needed a solution that would accomplish two things:

- Adequately address the requirements of HIPAA, to ensure SCHC implemented a strong security program to protect patients' information
- Integrate additional responsibilities into a manageable program that could be accommodated by existing staff

Solution

Eide Bailly Technology Consulting spent approximately one week at SCHC completing numerous procedures, including a review of existing required documentation, a walk-through of the facilities, interviews with staff members, and an inspection of the systems and medical equipment. Our team developed a comprehensive GAP analysis that identified where SCHC needed additional work in order to become compliant with the security aspects of HIPAA. We determined the best solution to bridge those gaps, in order to create a program that could be sustained by SCHC. We spent extensive time working with SCHC staff members to ensure they understood the applicability of the security requirements, and how to tailor the proposed solutions to help support SCHC's business goals.

Results

- SCHC is now in compliance with the HIPAA Security Rule.
- By implementing a risk-based approach to security, SCHC has improved its ability to protect patient information.
- SCHC staff members have gained a clear understanding of the technical requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule.
- SCHC is now in a position to develop a manageable program to sustain the ongoing requirements of HIPAA with existing staff.

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