



HIPAA Consulting Services

An Integrated Solution offered for Health Care Entities



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Background

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) was enacted to protect patient information to keep Health Care costs under control and to improve the delivery and portability of Health Care benefits. The time line for compliance is short, and delaying HIPAA planning poses a business risk for Health Care entities.

Softima has the methodologies, the technology, the tools, the alliances and Health Care expertise to help meet the critical challenges of HIPAA compliance. Softima's focus on Health Care Industry since its inception in 1997 has resulted in carving a unique solution to meet the challenge of HIPAA compliance. The approach is delivered by a team of consultants with tremendous expertise in Health Care, information security and privacy. In delivering compliance services to its clients, Softima partnered with leading industry organizations, technology and software vendors to provide HIPAA expertise and comprehensive end-to-end solutions.

Our Service Offerings

Preliminary Assessment

HIPAA requirements will obligate Health Care clients to commit to a high level of investment in their IT infrastructure, as well as undergo a shift in their business processes. Softima provides experienced domain experts to evaluate clients readiness for HIPAA, determine gaps as compared to the individual requirements, provide alternate solutions (replace a system or provide remediation solutions), design a roadmap for achieving compliance in privacy and security and estimate cost and benefits to achieve compliance.

Gap Analysis

Softima utilizes the combined strengths of the Health Care expertise and the Gap Analysis tool developed by WPC-EDI to carefully analyze clients existing systems. Softima's HIPAA team then defines detailed requirements and a comprehensive HIPAA solution for each part of clients business and application infrastructure. A complete analysis performed by our consultants on the clients existing system's database structure, identifies fields that will no longer be populated, identifies new fields to be added, and provides a Match/No Match report between the X12N Implementation Guides adopted under HIPAA and the current environment.



Implementation and Testing

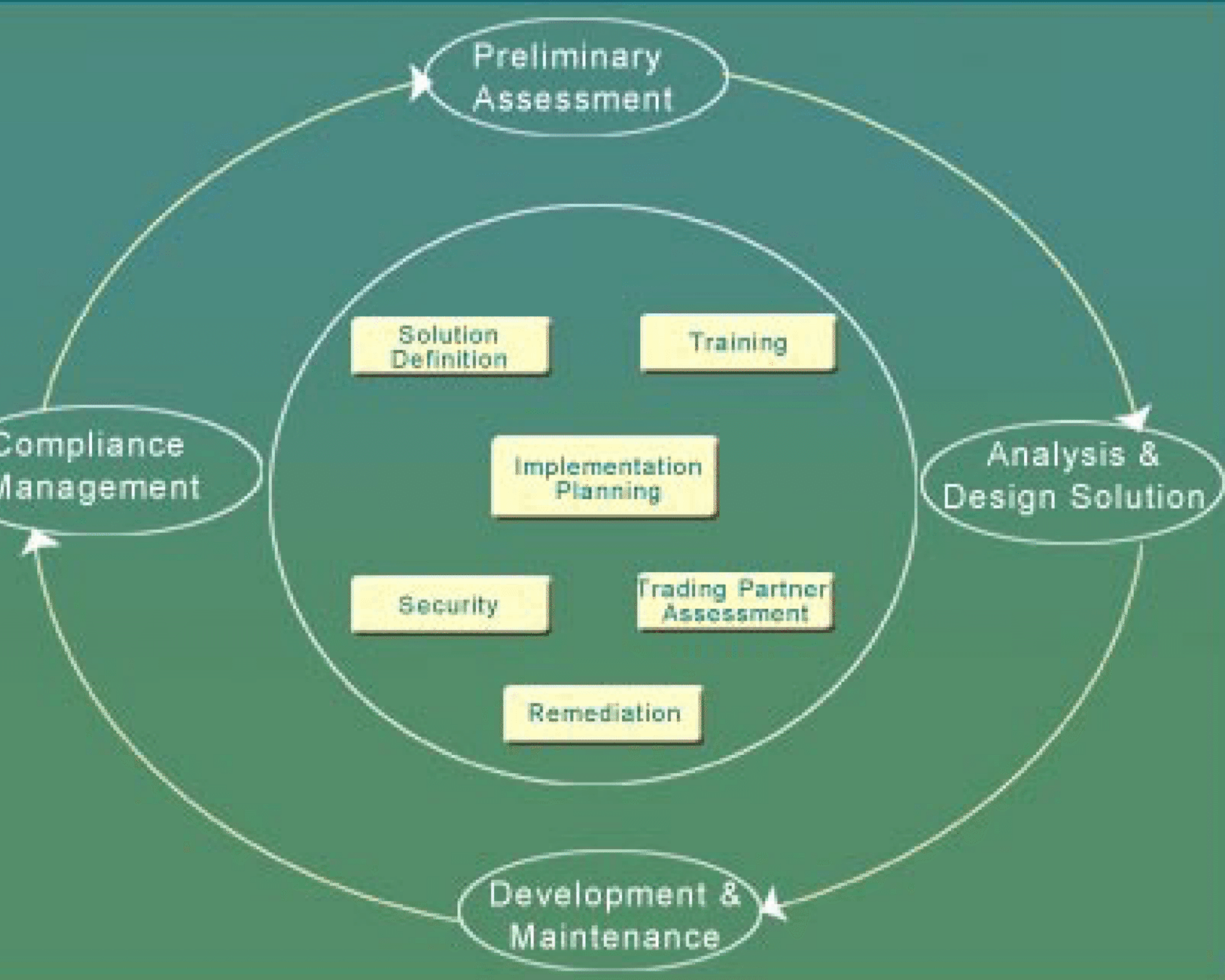
After a thorough Gap Analysis, Softima can provide the clients with the development of customized interfaces or modify the existing code for current applications. Depending on the clients Transaction and Code Set needs, Softima has partnered with Claredi, which offers Testing tools necessary to qualify and thoroughly test the Transaction Sets. At this point, Softima suggests its Flagship HIPAA compliance tool HIPAAFocus built on webMethods B2B integration platform which offers the following features:

- Customizable features to convert back-end legacy data to HIPAA Transaction sets
- Integration of External Code Sets by using Rules Engine
- Configurable connectivity with Trading Partners based on Transaction sets
- Seamless Integration to the back-end systems
- Fully Integrated Security using X.509 digital certificates, PKCS #7 digital signatures, RSA SSL and Access Control Lists
- Connectivity Support for HTTP(s), FTP and SMTP
- Functional Acknowledgement using EDI 997 as a Response and/or failure through E-mail Alerts
- Exception handling
- Manage complete end-to-end transaction tracking

Stabilization and Training

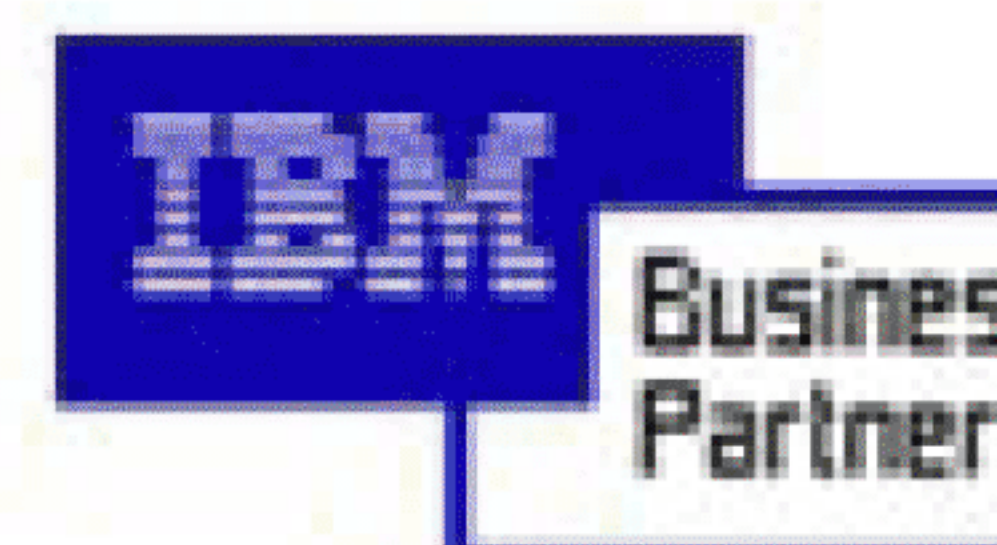
Softima's solutions team can transfer the knowledge and educate the client with best practices and educational tools on the HIPAA compliance process after the solution is in place. The team can help the clients to enhance or replace systems as needed, deliver technology and processes that are operationally compliant, and help redesign processes to comply with privacy and security requirements.

Compliance with HIPAA Transaction requirements through HIPAAFocus is just the right step towards meeting a broader range of business objectives. Our Implementation Methodologies, Best Practices, Professional Services, Health Care Expertise and webMethods partnership provides clients with cost effective and accelerated HIPAA compliance solution.



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