

## HIPAA and HITECH Compliance Statement

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) included requirements that Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) develop new health data security and individual health information privacy standards. The Privacy Rules developed by HHS became final in April 2001 with an effective date of April 14, 2003 (April 14, 2004 for small health plans). The Security Rules developed by HHS were issued in February, 2003 and most covered entities were given until April 20, 2005 to comply (April 20, 2006 for small health plans). Recently, included as part of the federal stimulus bill known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") is Title XIII, the "Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act" or the "HITECH Act." The HITECH Act contains a sweeping expansion of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules. The HITECH Act affects business associates entities that use or have access to PHI when providing services on behalf of health plans, health care providers, and health care clearinghouses, defined as "covered entities" under HIPAA. Under the HITECH Act revision to HIPAA, business associates are subject to many of the same obligations as covered entities.

TranscriptionGear.Com is dedicated to complying with the Privacy and Security provisions under HIPAA. We take our obligation to secure Protected Health Information (PHI) very seriously. To that end, we work under a post HITECH revision to the TranscriptionGear.Com HIPAA plan which includes:

- IT infrastructure compliance reviews
- Short and long range software development goals to meet compliance deadlines
- Enhanced employee training and revised company policies
- Enjoined contractors with documented guidelines
- Revised Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery that details HITECH PHI Protection

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