

# The EHNAC Overview

## Who is EHNAC?

- The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission
- Founded in 1995
- 501C6 Not-for-Profit voluntary national accreditation organization and federally recognized as a standards development organization Governed by an Executive Director and commission (board) of a minimum 14 members representing healthcare stakeholders from private and public sector organizations
- Mission is to develop standard criteria and accredit organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data and to improve the efficiency and quality of healthcare delivery

## What's EHNAC's value proposition to the healthcare industry?

- Third party comprehensive review of an organization's ability to address privacy, security and confidentiality; technical performance; business practices; and organizational & technical resources
- National recognition by the healthcare community
- Reviews an organization's ability to meet federal (HIPAA, ARRA/HITECH etc.) and key state legislative mandates
- Industry developed and tested criteria that sets the standard for compliance readiness and for establishing trust with healthcare stakeholders
- Involvement in many healthcare national forums, collaborations, alliances, and partnerships to shape healthcare vision, policy, implementation, and delivery

## Which healthcare stakeholders does EHNAC accreditation address?

- Electronic health networks (EHN); Managed Service Organizations (MSO), Financial services organizations (FSAP); E-prescribing networks (ePaP); Medical Billers; Health information exchanges (HIE); Third party administrators (TPA); Payers; Other healthcare industry organizations

## Programs



### What is their accreditation process and how transparent is it?

Documentation regarding criteria, application process, policies, procedures, and governance are available online for all healthcare stakeholders to understand the process. Two (2) out of the five EHNAC committees are open to industry participation including: Criteria and Marketing. The Criteria Committee is very active and meets monthly to review enhancements and new criteria and terminology. Minutes are published, and for the annual version release the criteria are made available for a 60-day public comment review. Those revisions and suggestions are then reviewed and incorporated into the final release that is then sent to the full commission for approval and release in January.

### Why should we care?

- EHNAC as a non-for-profit 501C6 is focused only on raising the standards for healthcare stakeholders and ensuring trust in the data exchange of clinical and financial transactions.
- EHNAC has the infrastructure, capability, and successful track record that validates the organization as one that collaborates, has balanced and representative stakeholder participation at the public and private levels, and utilizes an open and transparent process to encourage industry involvement.
- EHNAC is committed to working and collaborating with all industry organizations, action groups, vendors, SDO's, state and federal agencies, and others to develop and implement standards to assist the industry in achieving compliance and providing the vision, framework, design, and architecture to achieve meaningful use and HIT interoperability, scalability, and standardization.

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