

## **CASE STUDY**

### **Colington Consulting Provides a Large Group Medical Practice HIPAA Compliance Services**

#### **THE CHALLENGE**

A large medical group practice with six locations needed an updated HIPAA Risk Assessment conducted in order to comply with the HIPAA Security Rule and obligations of CMS' Incentive Program for Meaningful Use. The organization wanted to make sure there was consistency with compliance at each location. Colington was also requested to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the organization's current policies and procedures to determine if the current documentation was sufficient.

#### **THE SOLUTION**

Jay Hodes, President of Colington Consulting, spoke with those in the organization tasked with administrating the HIPAA compliance program to fully understand the organization's prerequisites for the project and to customize a solution. As part of the proposed services, Jay recommended spending two days visiting all locations to fully review current compliance safeguards that were in place and identify areas of risk that needed to be addressed.

Utilizing a team of former U.S. Department of Health and Human Services senior officials, healthcare policy writers and health information technology experts that fully understand regulatory compliance, Colington began a review of the organization's HIPAA policies and procedures.

#### **THE RESULT**

A comprehensive HIPAA Privacy Assessment was conducted that determined which safeguards the organization had in place to protect patients' health information. The assessment reviewed the organization's understanding of the minimum necessary requirement and permitted and authorized disclosures. A thorough HIPAA Risk Assessment was performed to identify and assess administrative, technical and physical safeguard requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule. Colington provided the organization an objective and written analysis of the HIPAA policies and procedures that were in place.