Secure and Sustain Your HITRUST Compliance

- There were 337 healthcare data breaches just in 2022 alone!
- Average cost of a data breach is now $10.1 million per incident¹
- 57% of global healthcare organizations compromised by ransomware over the past three (3) years
- Hackers are using third-party entities as access points into hospital networks

Healthcare data breaches highlight the urgent need for strong third-party risk management programs. Healthcare organizations and their third-party vendors can conduct and assess risk using independent and often complicated risk questionnaires or through full-fledged industry standard frameworks, such as HITRUST. HITRUST assessments are often viewed as the gold standard and can confirm an organization's compliance with key regulations and ensure systems are optimized for security.

The HITRUST CSF® Framework

The HITRUST CSF Framework covers control requirements from more than 40 authoritative sources, such as International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publications (SP) 800-53 and 800-171, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and more. The HITRUST Assessment Portfolio provides a broad range of assessment options for organizations depending on the level of effort and assurance needed.

Kratos is an authorized HITRUST External Assessor Organization that provides assessment and advisory services for your organization to achieve HITRUST certification. Kratos can provide Advisory or Assessment Services for completing:

- HITRUST Implemented, 1-year (i1) Validated Assessment
- HITRUST Risk-based, 2-year (r2) Validated Assessment

¹Cost of a data breach 2022 | IBM

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Kratos HITRUST Services

As an authorized External Assessor organization, Kratos HITRUST Advisory and Assessment Services include –

- **Advisory Services for HITRUST Basic Current-State (bC) Assessment.** The HITRUST bC assessment is a “good hygiene” self-assessment that offers better consistency, improved accuracy, and more flexibility than other types of self-assessments.

- **Advisory Services for Readiness Assessment.** In preparation for a readiness assessment, Kratos will identify any process, procedural or security control implementation gaps, and provide recommendations for remediation.

- **Assessment Services for HITRUST Implemented, 1-year (i1).** This Validated Assessment is considered a standard “best practices” assessment for moderate risk situations where the bC assessment does not provide enough assurance.

- **Assessment Services for HITRUST Risk-based, 2-year (r2).** The r2 is globally recognized as a high-level validation showing that an organization successfully manages cyber risk by meeting and exceeding industry-defined and accepted information security requirements.

### Kratos HITRUST Services

**STEP 01**
Conduct kickoff to understand scope and complexity of environment.

**STEP 02**
Request system documentation in preparation for conducting the HITRUST i1 or r2 Validated Assessment.

**STEP 03**
Client organization scores itself and enters supporting evidence and a narrative in the HITRUST MyCSF tool.

**STEP 04**
Kratos assessment team performs validation testing and analysis of the scores and evidence.

**STEP 05**
Kratos assessment team submits the assessment to HITRUST for review.

**STEP 06**
The HITRUST review and quality assurance (QA) process is conducted.

**STEP 07**
Upon successful QA, HITRUST issues certification. The HITRUST i1 certification is valid for one (1) year and the HITRUST r2 certification is valid for two (2) years.

### Why Kratos for HITRUST

Unlike other compliance frameworks, all HITRUST External Assessor Organizations must conduct assessments in strict accordance with the HITRUST CSF® Framework—there is no room for customization. So why choose Kratos? Gain efficiencies with our ‘request once – use many’ approach!

HITRUST is part of Kratos’ security compliance services portfolio, which includes FedRAMP, CMMC, DoD Cloud Computing (CC) Security Requirement Guide (SRG), National Institutes of Science and Technology (NIST) Risk Management Framework (RMF), Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), and Infrastructure Asset Pre-Assessment Program (IA-PRE).

With an expanded array of compliance frameworks, Kratos is best able to reduce audit fatigue that companies experience when spending considerable time gathering the same evidence for multiple audits. On numerous occasions, Kratos was able to review the same set of evidence to conduct multiple audits for customers, including large CSPs, thereby greatly minimizing the evidence gathering process, completing the necessary reviews faster, accelerating the time to certification, and reducing time and cost.

With years of robust compliance and certification experience, Kratos can often leverage the redundant controls, interviews, and meetings performed during a given assessment with one or more other assessments.