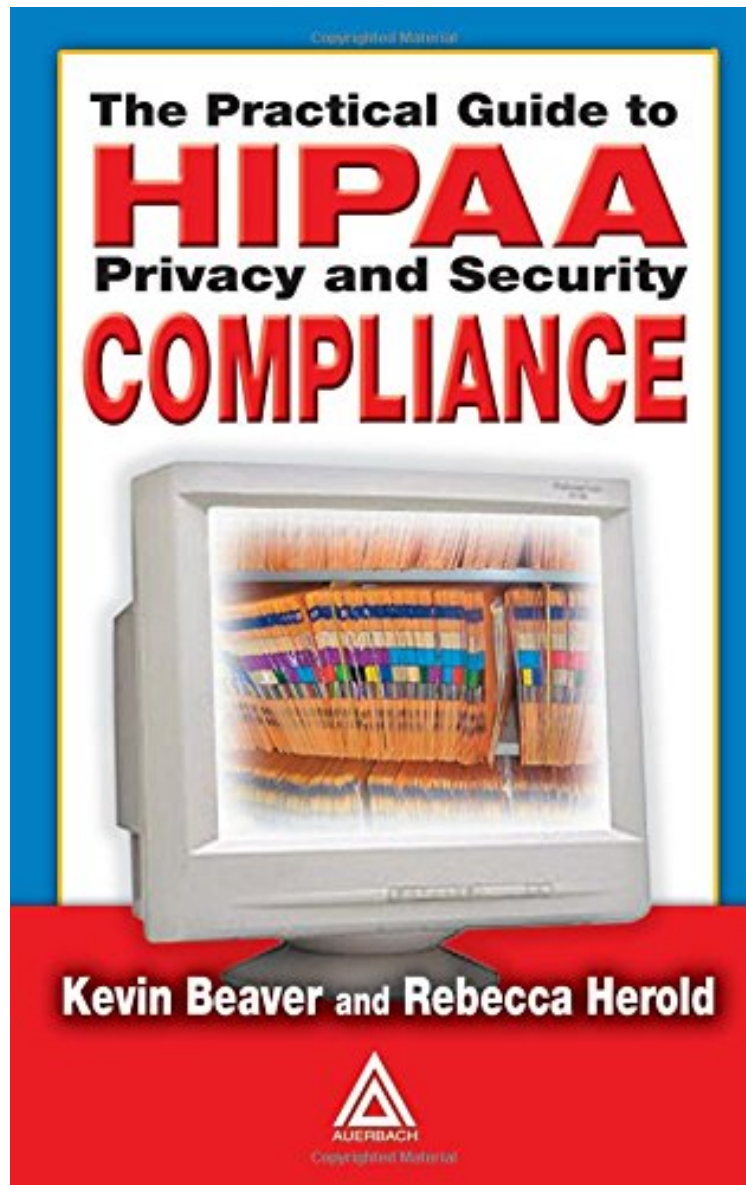


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**Kevin Beaver, Rebecca Herold : The Practical Guide to HIPAA Privacy and Security Compliance** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Practical Guide to HIPAA Privacy and Security Compliance:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book By StefanGREAT resource. Very detailed. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. It is useful as both reading cover to cover and as a reference. It also links you to

external sources of information, such as NIST publications on risk assessment, privacy blogs, etc. I think it is interesting how the two authors cowrote this book. Herold handles the privacy half and Beaver handles the security. They have very distinct writing styles. The privacy section is more perspective (compliance based -- do this, do that, have a business associate agreement, have a notice of privacy practices with this and that in it, document PHI disclosures, , ect....) whereas the security section is vaguer (reflecting HIPAA's risk based approach). It is worth noting that just because you read this book doesn't mean that you are qualified to do this in the real world -- this book won't make you an information security expert, capable of doing detailed risk analyses. Rather think of this book as one that will take an Infosec/Lawyer/provider/ect and make them competent with HIPAA. My only qualm is that the binding seems to be coming loose. That might be in part due to the fact that I open it so much, however most books don't physically deteriorate that rapidly. Not the fault of the authors, rather the publisher.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. **THE BEST GUIDE FOR A THIRD OF THE PRICE OF OTHERS LESS HELPFUL** By VOXXXLANEA tough subject to unravel, this HIPAA law, but Herold did it, and with clarity. I've been in the medical field for over 30 years, and this book gave concise, direct insights I have not found in other manuals/training guides. Honestly, I don't know why anyone would drop \$200-300 on books/manuals/guides that are cumbersome, wordy and unnecessarily bloated when they can have THIS guide. The most important thing I learned from this guide is: GONE are the days that a medical business can just use some type of pre-formed template to simply fill in blanks. HIPAA notices now have to be tailored-worded, exquisite specific to each individual medical practice, and in regards to its business, its services, etc. With explicit examples and directions from which to model, I was able to draft one specific for our practice. It was a 2-day work in progress, but once it was finished, I felt proud we could show our own personalized HIPAA guide to our patients.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. there were a number of useful hints and tidbits here By Al DEven for someone who has been dealing with HIPAA for a number of years, there were a number of useful hints and tidbits here. Given the risks of noncompliance, the book was a good value.

HIPAA is very complex. So are the privacy and security initiatives that must occur to reach and maintain HIPAA compliance. Organizations need a quick, concise reference in order to meet HIPAA requirements and maintain ongoing compliance. The Practical Guide to HIPAA Privacy and Security Compliance is a one-stop resource for real-world HIPAA privacy and security advice that you can immediately apply to your organization's unique situation. This how-to reference explains what HIPAA is about, what it requires, and what you can do to achieve and maintain compliance. It describes the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and compliance tasks in easy-to-understand language, focusing not on technical jargon, but on what you need to do to meet requirements. IT managers, CIOs, consultants, security professionals, office managers, physicians and anyone else preparing an organization for HIPAA will receive expert guidance on requirements and other commonly-discussed topics. Everyone will be affected by HIPAA; this book enables you to determine how HIPAA will impact you regardless of whether your business or organization is a HIPAA Covered Entity.

The book's main strength is its abundant and varied content. It thoroughly describes the main provisions of HIPAA's security and privacy requirements using actual language from the legislation interspersed with the authors' commentary. This format helpfully guides readers through the labyrinthine HIPAA requirements. Scott Forbes, Microsoft Rebecca and Kevin have compiled a wealth of knowledge in an easy-to-read, conversational style. This book is packed with useful facts and practical tips that grabs and keeps your attention as though you are listening to the authors in your own living room. The astute reader will keep a pad of paper and a pile of 'sticky notes' handy. You will no doubt come back to this valuable resource over and over again! Michael J. Corby, CCP, CISSP, President and CEO, M. Corby Associates, Inc. This is a very comprehensive view of HIPAA privacy and security compliance which provides a pragmatic, step by step methodology for understanding and complying with the regulation. The practical checklists, the quizzes which can be used in HIPAA awareness programs, and the pointers to valuable resources are all added benefits. Micki Krause, CISSP, Chief Information Security Officer, Pacific Life Insurance About the Author Kevin Beaver is an independent information security consultant, writer, professional speaker, and expert witness with Atlanta, Georgia based Principle Logic, LLC. He has worked in IT since 1989 and specializes in performing information security assessments for corporations, security product vendors, independent software developers, universities, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Before starting his information security consulting practice in 2001, Kevin served in various information technology and security roles for several health care, e-commerce, financial, and educational institutions. Kevin has appeared on CNN as an information security expert and has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, Entrepreneur, Fortune Small Business, Mens Health, Womens Health, Womans Day, and Inc. Magazine. His work has also been referenced by the PCI Security Standards Council in their PCI DSS Wireless Guidelines. He has given and participated in hundreds of highly rated presentations, panel discussions, seminars, and webcasts on information security and compliance. Kevin has authored or coauthored 11 information security books, including Hacking For Dummies and Hacking Wireless Networks For Dummies (Wiley) as well as Implementation Strategies for Fulfilling and Maintaining IT Compliance (Realtimepublishers.com). He has

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