

## 2022 Health Information Entity Status Assessment

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### **General Questions -**

##### *Why is my organization getting this assessment?*

Per our statutory authority (Cal. Health & Safety Code § 130203), the Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII), of which the California Office of Health Information Integrity (CalOHII) was merged into, has statewide oversight responsibility for compliance with state and federal health information privacy laws. Our oversight is specifically for all state departments, boards, commissions, programs and other governmental units of the executive branch of state government. As a result, the Entity Assessment is sent to all organizations meeting this requirement.

##### *What if my organization doesn't have any health information/data – do I have to complete the assessment?*

Yes, CDII must have a completed assessment for all state entities to demonstrate compliance with our statutory requirement and ensure all entities are properly assessed on a periodic basis.

##### *Does my organization have to complete the assessment, even if I know I am not covered by health information privacy laws?*

Yes, the assessment must be completed by all state entities under CDII statutory authority – this ensures CDII can demonstrate compliance with its statutory requirement.

##### *Why can't CDII use the last assessment?*

With the passage of AB172 (Statutes of 2021), our oversight responsibilities for compliance of health information privacy laws has expanded to include all state and federal health privacy laws. Because of these changes, as well as possible business process changes within organizations, state entities may be now be impacted by one or more of the health information privacy laws. CDII assesses all State entities every few years in order to provide assistance in meeting the requirements imposed by various health information privacy laws.

#### **Completing the Assessment Questions -**

##### *Who in our organization should complete the survey?*

The assessment must be completed by a Deputy Director (or equivalent) of your organization.

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*Can you clarify what is needed for Question 4 – Does this response apply to all units, boards, commissions, etc. under the organization?*

In the email sent, we may have listed organizations we assume your survey response will include – if any of these organizations is NOT included in your survey response, answer NO and provide us with the organizations not included in the comment area. In addition, per the email, please notify CDII.

*How can I get more information about the health information privacy laws?*

We recommend you work with your legal counsel and/or privacy officer to address questions about laws and regulations.

*What if I don't know all the organizational units that hold health information governed by the specific health information privacy law?*

We recommend you work with your privacy officer and/or information security officer to help gather that information.

*Can I complete a paper version of the assessment?*

No, we prefer all assessments to be completed through Survey Monkey for tracking and retention purposes. If this is not possible for your organization, contact us at [CDIIPrivacyOffice@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:CDIIPrivacyOffice@chhs.ca.gov).

*What if I have additional questions?*

Please email us at [CDIIPrivacyOffice@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:CDIIPrivacyOffice@chhs.ca.gov) – please include your name and phone number. One of our staff will contact you.