

- **Struggling To Find Testing Resources With BPSSM Experience?**
- **Testing Documentation Not Passing CMS Scrutiny?**
- **Control Remediation Recommendations Not Making Business Sense?**
- **Compliance Efforts Not Being Effectively Leveraged?**

CMS MAC contractors face a variety of IT risk management and compliance demands — including new laws and regulations, limited staffing and technological change. SecureIT's consultants rely on deep technical skills and expert knowledge of CMS-specific guidelines and mandates to improve our client's compliance and risk management processes. Our services include compliance strategy development, implementing and measuring compliance programs, performing control testing, remediating control deficiencies, and providing ongoing continuous monitoring and PMO services. Our long-standing working relationship with CMS helps ensure that we produce significant, measurable impacts on the compliance and technology organizations, and that we add lasting value to our clients' and corporate governance functions.

Our Service Offerings for Medicare Administrative Contractors:

- **Compliance Program Strategy & Planning** – Most MAC's are faced with a multitude of compliance requirements and initiatives: FISMA, HIPAA, HITECH ACT, BPSSM, SOX, SAS70s, External Audit, Internal Audits, PCI, etc. SecureIT helps organizations understand these requirements, develop a compliance strategy, leverage planning and testing across multiple initiatives, and ensure that efficiencies are gained wherever feasible. The result is that key IT resources are less burdened, compliance requirements are fulfilled, and management has real-time and consolidated visibility into compliance initiatives company-wide.
- **C&A Program Management** – The BPSSM requires that the contractor comply with the CMS Certification & Accreditation Program Procedures, policies and standards. SecureIT can help Contractors fully understand this requirement and ensure that all planning, testing, remediating, and reporting are performed timely, and in accordance with this policy.
- **Controls Testing** – A core compliance requirement is that one-third of the controls are tested each Federal fiscal year so that all controls are tested over a three-year period. SecureIT's CISA-certified consultants have the experience and expertise to test the full suite of CMS Minimum Security Requirements (CMSRs) in accordance with NIST SP800-53A standards. In addition, SecureIT maintains relationships with the Big Four and CMS Oversight Groups so we know their expectations and documentation requirements for relying on audit work that we perform.
- **POA&M Management** – The BPSSM requires that contractors correct weaknesses, findings, gaps, or other deficiencies within 90 days of receipt of the final audit or evaluation report, unless otherwise authorized by CMS. SecureIT will work with your team to ensure that gaps and recommendations MAKE SENSE, that timelines are actually ACHIEVABLE, and that progress is reported timely and accurately.
- **Information Assurance & Remediation Support** – SecureIT can help with a multitude of IA and remediation activities including Security Plan Maintenance, Risk Assessment, Policy/Procedure Development and Contingency Planning.
- **Compliance & Audit Liaison** – SecureIT has extensive experience in managing the Compliance and Risk Management Program Offices for large organizations. Our consultants serve as the primary interface between technology resources, and any audit entity that needs to interface with them (External Audit, OIG, Sec 912, SAS70, etc.). We ensure that communications are effective, data requests are not duplicated, staff interruption is minimized, and all parties are getting what is needed to be successful.

Our Background & Expertise

SecureIT was founded in 2001 as an IT Audit consulting firm. Over the years we have expanded our expertise to include technology risk, information assurance, and technical security consulting, with a focus on the Federal Government and the Federal Government contractor vertical. SecureIT is not distracted from identifying the threats to your organization; implementing security programs, best practices and technology to counter these threats; and ensuring your organization achieves and maintains compliance with applicable regulations and policies.

The SecureIT team has been working with HCFA/CMS and its contactors for nearly ten years. We have participated in various engagements including SAS70s, External Audits, Section 912 reviews, BPSSM control tests, and general information assurance consulting. We have experience with the claims processing systems (Part A, Part B, CWF, etc.) and the general controls surrounding those applications at data centers around the country. We are intimately familiar with the BPSSM and other CMS requirements, and we understand the documentation needed to effectively demonstrate compliance.

In addition to providing internal audit support services, SecureIT consultants also deliver technical IT audit and security assessment training seminars to ISACA and IIA chapters nationwide, attesting to our recognized leadership in the profession. As an entrepreneurial company focused on growth, SecureIT values every client relationship, and we are committed to giving each of our clients the attention and service that they deserve.

Our People

At SecureIT, our clients don't hire us to merely take orders. Rather, our people are expected to lead their client organizations in new, more secure directions. To succeed in this, we need to be on the leading edge of our field. That's why we work hard to hire and retain intelligent, motivated individuals who are eager to succeed. Our highly-skilled team comes from diverse backgrounds – which allows us to not only provide unparalleled support and expertise to our clients, but also to learn from each other and grow professionally as a team. Our consultants demonstrate professional commitment and stay abreast of the latest trends by serving in leadership positions of associations such as ISACA, IIA, and ISSA.

In addition, SecureIT's SVP for Federal Programs is Vice Chair for Information Security & Privacy on the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) where challenges and needs of the federal government are addressed through development of best practices, sharing of lessons learned, and practical solutions through programs and whitepapers. In addition to professional certifications (CISA, CISSP, CISM, GIAC) and Big 4 experience, many of our security and audit consultants have first-hand experience working at CMS, as well as at selected CMS contractors and business partners. This knowledge and experience has proven invaluable and allows us to be more efficient and effective in our solutions.

To learn more about the specific ways in which SecureIT can help your organization, please contact David Trout at 703.230.0725, or via email at dtrout@secureit.com.

Our Clients

