

Bio-logic and HIPAA

Congress enacted the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) legislation to ensure the portability, privacy, and security of individuals' medical information. To comply with HIPAA regulations, most healthcare providers and other covered entities will need to make changes from the way they operate today, affecting almost every aspect of business. HIPAA is composed of multiple sections each of which has a required compliance implementation date. The areas of the HIPAA regulations that are relevant to Bio-logic products are found in Title II – Administrative Simplification, specifically the Privacy Standards and the Security and Electronic Signature Standards. The Privacy Standards have a compliance date of April 2003. A compliance date for the Security Standards has been set for April 2005.

Bio-logic systems are HIPAA ready and enable a healthcare provider or other covered entity to meet and maintain the need for confidentiality, privacy, and security as required by the HIPAA regulations. HIPAA is technology neutral and does not require any specific technologies to be implemented. The Microsoft® Windows 2000/XP platform supplies the foundation for security and administration functionality and the technologies needed to construct a secure technical environment. The technical security services and mechanisms covered by Windows 2000/XP include access controls both role-based and user based, audit controls for both system and security events, data and entity authentication in addition to communication and network controls. From setting up user accounts to performing internal security audits, Bio-logic can help our customers with the necessary information required for the technical and administrative safeguards that are put in place to protect the integrity, availability and confidentiality of information. Bio-logic is committed to partnering with our customers to ensure that their organization is HIPAA compliant.