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THE ASSESSMENT INCLUDES:

Current Security Evaluation
Coalfire will comprehensively assess your existing security posture for the systems that store, process, or transmit ePHI.

GAP Analysis and Remediation
Coalfire will identify gaps in your existing environment that could prevent HITRUST certification and provide recommendations for readiness.

Certification
Once readiness is achieved, Coalfire will facilitate the certification process in accordance with HITRUST requirements.

THE HITRUST CSF ASSESSMENT
Coalfire’s HITRUST assessment is conducted by certified HITRUST CSF practitioners who utilize the CSF Assurance Kit to identify potential vulnerabilities for the ePHI systems in scope. Coalfire CSF practitioners interview key personnel, review existing documentation, and conduct technical testing in order to analyze the pertinent aspects of your compliance program. Because every organization is unique, Coalfire customizes each CSF assessment project to serve the unique needs and environment of your organization.
At the conclusion of the Healthcare HITRUST Assessment, Coalfire will provide an in-depth report designed to give meaning to the data, including a detailed technical report, an executive summary for boardroom action, and a full presentation on assessment findings. This knowledge transfer ensures a comprehensive understanding of your current compliance state, risk liability, and recommendations for improvement.

The CSF contains these security control categories to help efficiently assess the high-risk areas of an environment:

- Information Protection Program
- Endpoint Protection
- Portable Media Security
- Mobile Device Security
- Wireless Security
- Configuration Management
- Vulnerability Management
- Network Protection
- Transmission Protection
- Password Management
- Access Control
- Audit Logging and Monitoring
- Education, Training and Awareness
- Third-Party Assurance
- Incident Management
- Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery
- Risk Management
- Physical & Environmental Security
- Data Protection & Privacy

As an experienced HITRUST CSF assessor, Coalfire integrated its PASS methodology with the HITRUST CSF methodology to streamline and accelerate the certification process. The PASS methodology embraces the certification requirements and protocols defined by HITRUST while formalizing a program that overcomes the intricacies and challenges of a complex process. It’s a proven approach to integrate several compliance requirements. The methodology’s benefits include:

- Built-in project management
- Phased approach that reduces cost, time, and complexities
- Pre-determined quality assurance checkpoints – increases the likelihood for on-time certification
- Assessment program that harmonizes similar control objectives
- Continuous status reporting and the official certification assessment.

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