



## HITRUST March 2024 quarterly newsletter

In our first newsletter of 2024 you will find updates on the assurance program as well as exciting news from our Crowe HITRUST assessment team.

### Assurance program updates

#### **Essential, 1-year (e1) Validated Assessment add-on for SOC 2**

Do you currently report your security controls with a SOC 2 report? If so, you can now add a HITRUST e1 certification to your assurance portfolio. The scope of the HITRUST e1 assessment consists of testing for the implementation of 44 controls covering the most critical cybersecurity threats. The controls are considered the basics and typically are already employed by every organization with an IT security program in place. By adding this certification to your SOC 2 attestation, you can enhance your assurance posture by:

- Having two types of assurance assessments/audits to gain your customers' trust, with the effort and cost of one assessment/audit
- Demonstrating the maturity of your organization against a basic threat-based assessment
- Providing an actual certification in addition to your SOC 2 attestation report
- Appearing in the [Health3PT vendor directory](#)

If you would like to hear more about this opportunity, we'd be happy to discuss how to align you with both SOC 2 and HITRUST.

#### **Moving to CSF v11 from v9.x**

Many companies with existing HITRUST CSF® v9.x certifications want to move to the new v11 in 2024, which is a major revision. To aide those transitions, HITRUST has provided extensive [resources](#) to help organizations understand, prepare for, and make the upgrade. Additionally, Crowe has created a custom document for the i1 assessment that provides a detailed mapping of the i1 controls. If you plan on upgrading this year, let us know so we can help you access the resources you need.

### Crowe insights

#### **HITRUST Authorized External Assessor Council**

Crowe is excited to have been selected as one of 18 firms to be appointed to the 2024/2025 HITRUST Authorized External Assessor Council. Over the next two years, we will represent the external assessor community and our client base in providing feedback, gaining insights, and influencing the direction of the HITRUST assurance program. Working closely with HITRUST leadership, we will help to continually evolve the program's integrity, effectiveness, and efficiency to uphold the highest standard of excellence.

#### **Questions?**

As an Authorized External Assessor firm with experience as a HITRUST Assessor Council member, the Crowe team is here to keep you apprised of the most current changes as well as our insights as HITRUST continues to grow and evolve. Crowe has relationships with firms that can help with

remediation and implementation of gaps identified during the readiness assessment and before you're ready for the validated assessment. We are happy to make any introductions if you're finding remediation time-consuming.

We appreciate any questions and comments, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Visit our [HITRUST](#) page at [crowe.com](http://crowe.com) to learn more.

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