

NASCO Achieves HITRUST CSF[®] Certification to Further Mitigate Risk in Third-Party Privacy, Security and Compliance

HITRUST Certification validates NASCO is committed to meeting key healthcare regulations and protecting sensitive protected health information.

ATLANTA (February 20, 2018) – NASCO, a leading provider of innovative healthcare IT solutions for the nation's top healthcare payers, announced today that its claims processing platform, the NASCO Processing System — along with its membership and billing product, **MembersEdge**[®], its member and provider servicing product, **NCompass**SM, its benefits management product, **BeneFACT**SM and the NASCO Corporate System — have all earned Certified status for information security by HITRUST. With HITRUST CSF Certified status, these NASCO solutions meet key healthcare regulations and requirements for protecting and securing sensitive protected health information.

HITRUST CSF Certified status demonstrates that NASCO's core product platforms and corporate systems have met industry-defined requirements and are appropriately managing risk. By including federal and state regulations, standards and frameworks, and incorporating a risk-based approach, the HITRUST CSF helps organizations address these challenges through a comprehensive and flexible framework of prescriptive and scalable security controls.

This achievement places NASCO in an elite group of organizations worldwide that have earned this certification, including many of NASCO's Blue Cross[®] and Blue Shield[®] Health Plan customers.

“At Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, protecting our members' personal information is a top priority,” said Linda Williams, Senior Vice President of Audit and Risk Management at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. “We're committed to meeting the highest standards of protection and security to provide our employer customers and members with the peace of mind that their data and information is secure. Receiving HITRUST CSF Certification is a tremendous achievement and supports our promise to always put our members first.”

“Achieving HITRUST CSF Certification is another step in validating our security controls, processes and systems,” said John Ladaga, President and CEO for NASCO. “This certification provides additional assurance to our current and future customers that NASCO takes the role of data custodian very seriously.”

“The HITRUST CSF has become the information protection framework for the healthcare industry, and the CSF Assurance program is bringing a new level of effectiveness and efficiency to third-party assurance,” said Ken Vander Wal, Chief Compliance Officer for HITRUST. “The HITRUST CSF Certification is now the benchmark that organizations required to safeguard PHI are measured against with regard to information protection.”

About NASCO

NASCO provides an integrated suite of information technology products and services designed to solve common business challenges, create cost advantages and minimize business risks for health plans across the nation. NASCO processes over 300 million health claims per year on behalf of over 25 million health plan members. NASCO provides seamless benefit management, eligibility, membership, billing and claims

processing support for customers, allowing them to provide competitive healthcare products in federal, state and multistate markets. For more information, visit www.nasco.com.

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