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IdenTrust Achieves Direct Trusted Agent Accreditation Program from EHNAC and DirectTrust

Direct Trusted Agent accreditation ensures adherence to data processing standards and compliance with security infrastructure, integrity and trusted identity requirements

Austin, TX – June 22, 2017 – IdenTrust (part of HID Global, a worldwide leader in trusted identity solutions), announced today it has achieved full re-accreditation with the Direct Trusted Agent Accreditation Program (DTAAP) for CA and RA from [DirectTrust](#) and the [Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission](#) (EHNAC). Direct Trusted Agent accreditation recognizes excellence in health data processing and transactions and ensures compliance with industry-established standards, HIPAA regulations and the Direct Project.

Through the consultative review process, EHNAC evaluated IdenTrust in areas of privacy, security and confidentiality; technical performance; business practices; and organizational resources as it relates to Directed exchange participants. In addition, EHNAC reviewed the organization's process of managing and transferring protected health information and determined that the organization meets or exceeds all EHNAC criteria and industry standards. Through completion of the rigorous re-accreditation process, the organization demonstrates to its constituents adherence to strict standards and participation in the comprehensive, objective evaluation of its business.

“Backed by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), the Direct Trusted Agent Accreditation Program ensures IdenTrust has established and upheld a superior level of trust for their stakeholders,” said Lee Barrett, executive director of EHNAC. “With the undeniable need in the healthcare marketplace for guidance and accountability in how health data is exchanged, we congratulate IdenTrust's commitment to achieving the highest standards in privacy, security and confidentiality.”

America is facing a national public health crisis around prescription drug abuse. Additionally, the need for healthcare professionals to share patient medical records and data in a private and secure manner is at a record high. To address these issues, IdenTrust enables secure healthcare information exchange through offering complete identity solutions for eHR/eMR applications, Health Information Service Providers (HISPs), Health Information Exchanges (HIEs), pharmacies, practitioners and patients.

IdenTrust initially achieved Direct Trusted Agent accreditation in August 2015. “By achieving re-accreditation, IdenTrust is able to continue providing health information exchange communities with identity assurance and management capabilities and products to support secure and interoperable data sharing via the Direct protocol,” said Dr. David C. Kibbe, President and CEO of DirectTrust. “IdenTrust has proven their integrity and experience through participation and leadership of DirectTrust workgroups and committees and offers an excellent value to customers through extension of that experience.”

“IdenTrust is pleased to have met the rigorous standards required to achieve re-accreditation for issuing digital certificates under the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC),” said

Vishvas Patel, VP, IdenTrust Global Business Segment. “By providing digital certificates that are accredited by DirectTrust and that are also cross-certified with the U.S. Government Federal Bridge Certification Authority, IdenTrust provides the gold standard for trust in healthcare information exchange.”

About IdenTrust

IdenTrust, part of HID Global, is a leader in trusted identity solutions recognized by financial institutions, government agencies and businesses around the world. IdenTrust offers the only bank-developed identity authentication system and provides a legally and technologically interoperable environment for authenticating and using identities in more than 175 countries. IdenTrust also offers certificates issued through three different U.S. FBCA cross-certified PKI programs providing interoperability and trusted reliance between commercial entities, state and local government and the U.S. Federal Government. IdenTrust is part of HID Global, an ASSA ABLOY Group brand. For more information about IdenTrust, visit <http://www.IdenTrust.com>.

About DirectTrust

DirectTrust is a non-profit, competitively neutral, self-regulatory entity created by and for participants in the Direct community, including Health Internet Service Providers (HISPs), Certificate Authorities (CAs), and Registration Authorities (RAs), doctors, patients and vendors, and supports both provider-to-provider as well as patient-to-provider Direct exchange. DirectTrust recently received a Cooperative Agreement Award from ONC as part of the Exemplar HIE Governance Program. DirectTrust serves as a forum and governance body for persons and entities engaged in Directed exchange of electronic health information as part of the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN). DirectTrust’s Security and Trust Framework is the basis for the voluntary accreditation of service providers implementing Directed health information exchange. The goal of DirectTrust.org is to develop, promote and, as necessary, help enforce the rules and best practices necessary to maintain security and trust within the Direct community, consistent with the HITECH Act and the governance rules for the NwHIN established by ONC. DirectTrust.org is committed to fostering widespread public confidence in the Direct exchange of health information. To learn more, visit www.directtrust.org.

About EHNAC

The Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC) is a voluntary, self-governing standards development organization (SDO) established to develop standard criteria and accredit organizations that electronically exchange healthcare data. These entities include accountable care organizations, data registries, electronic health networks, EPCS vendors, eprescribing solution providers, financial services firms, health information exchanges, health information service providers, management service organizations, medical billers, outsourced service providers, payers, practice management system vendors and third-party administrators.

EHNAC was founded in 1993 and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. Guided by peer evaluation, the EHNAC accreditation process promotes quality service, innovation, cooperation and open competition in healthcare. To learn more, visit www.ehnac.org, contact info@ehnac.org, or follow us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).



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