

(PRLEAP.COM) OnRamp, a leading high security hosting provider with data center facilities in Texas and North Carolina, and CompliancePoint, an Atlanta-based information security consulting and services provider announced a partnership to help covered entities and business associates more comprehensively meet [HIPAA compliance](#) requirements. The announcement, made today, comes two weeks after the compliance deadline set forth by the HIPAA Omnibus Rule, an update to the original HIPAA legislation, which increases both the requirements for ensuring the confidentiality, availability and integrity of electronic protected health information (e-PHI) as well as the legal and financial penalties and liability for non-compliance.

OnRamp and CompliancePoint, both leaders in HIPAA compliance solutions for companies that deal with sensitive patient information, are partnering to help companies address HIPAA's Security and Privacy Rules with a combination of professional services and technologies developed to ease the burden and address the challenges faced by covered entities and business associates when dealing with e-PHI. By managing the risk throughout the full lifecycle of PHI data, OnRamp and CompliancePoint help companies through an Assessment, Risk Remediation and Risk Management Plan designed to enable compliance with HIPAA's privacy and security standards and related administrative, technical and physical safeguards.

"Complying with the HIPAA Rules, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Electronic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, and the final Omnibus Rule involve many steps, most of which fall outside of a company's core competencies," said Jeff Brown, Director of Business Development at CompliancePoint. "CompliancePoint's, proven consulting process and compliance management programs, when paired with OnRamp's high security hosting solutions, provide companies with an end-to-end HIPAA solution that is both compliant and auditable."

"OnRamp has invested extensive resources, infrastructure, time and training to build out in-depth solutions for companies, both covered entities and business associates, working with sensitive healthcare data," said OnRamp CEO Lucas Braun. "We have worked closely with CompliancePoint to provide solutions that collectively dive far more deeply into ensuring HIPAA compliance than any other provider, to ensure that, collectively, we are protecting their critical data hosted in our Data Centers."