



Expert HIPAA/HITECH Compliant Hosting on Microsoft Azure

For healthcare organizations subject to HIPAA regulations, you can enjoy the benefits of the industry-leading Microsoft Azure Cloud along with Connectria's expert HIPAA/HITECH manage services.



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In a complex regulatory environment that requires healthcare providers to keep their Protected Health Information (PHI) secure and reliable, many healthcare organizations have chosen to host their PHI in the cloud using hosting companies that specialize in HIPAA Compliant Hosting. Since becoming the first company to deliver HIPAA Compliant Cloud Hosting in 2007, Connectria has provided 100% secure and reliable HIPAA Compliant Hosting for hundreds of customers.



With the rise in popularity of Microsoft Azure, companies began to explore how to implement HIPAA Compliant hosting in the Azure Cloud. While Azure delivers the most comprehensive cloud computing solutions in the world, it does not natively provide HIPAA Compliance. Microsoft customers are left to architect, implement and manage HIPAA Compliance on their own.

As an long-standing Microsoft Partner and Reseller, Connectria provides a turnkey approach to achieving and maintaining HIPAA compliance on Azure. This solution combines Connectria's years of experience providing HIPAA compliant cloud solutions with its expertise in building/managing Azure environments.

Connectria's HIPAA Compliant Managed Services on Azure provides a comprehensive suite of security and support features designed to address HIPAA/HITECH standards, includes set up of an Azure environment to meet HIPAA compliance needs, necessary levels of encryption within Azure and ongoing 24/7 managed services to ensure Azure environments remain HIPAA compliant.

Benefits of Microsoft Azure

According to a recent HIMSS Analytics Cloud Survey, 83% of IT healthcare organizations are currently using cloud services and 9% plan to in the future. Many of them are turning to Microsoft Azure as the cloud infrastructure of choice with distinct benefits, including:

- **Close integration with other Microsoft tools** – Azure seamlessly integrates with the widely used Microsoft tools such as SharePoint, Office 365 and Outlook. Organizations can also use the same virtual machines in Azure that they use on-premises, like Windows and Linux, which simplifies things.

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- **Excellent, reputable standing** – As one of the most credible and reliable brands in history along with the most widely used and recognized tools, Microsoft is a trusted vendor.
- **IaaS and PaaS** - Azure includes both IaaS (managed) and PaaS (unmanaged) services. IaaS allows companies to outsource their cloud computing infrastructure and pay for only for what they use. PaaS allows companies to develop their own applications without having to invest in the IT infrastructure. As a result, organizations may customize their cloud environments to their detailed requirements.

Benefits of Connectria HIPAA/HITECH Managed Services:

Building, migrating, managing and supporting your applications in Azure can be complex. Adding HIPAA/HITECH compliance to the mix increases the complexity exponentially.

Fortunately, Connectria’s Azure-certified engineers and HIPAA/HITECH compliant experts can help you navigate these challenges. Our engineers will not only help you set up your Azure environment to meet your HIPAA Compliance needs, but we will also provide ongoing managed services 24/7 to help ensure that your Azure environment remains HIPAA Compliant. Our HIPAA Compliance Support Plan for Azure includes a comprehensive suite of security and support features designed to specifically address the HIPAA and HITECH standards, including the necessary levels of encryption within Azure.

- **Reduce time, cost and risk** – relying upon Connectria’s Azure and HIPAA/HITECH expertise allows customers to reduce their time, cost and risk by avoiding costly delays and mistakes. We understand what Azure components are not supported in a HIPAA environment, which ones are supported, and how to implement them to meet the HIPAA standards. Connectria’s staff will also assist you in getting a Business Associate Agreement (BAA) signed with Microsoft, and we will enter into a BAA directly with each of our customers as well.
- **Audited security controls and processes** – on an annual basis, Connectria is audited by a third-party assessor to ensure we continue to meet HIPAA/HITECH regulations. This also extends throughout our entire company to all of our employees. Each of our staff members are required to take and pass HIPAA Compliance certification.

- **A dedicated compliance team** - Connectria provides access to our HIPAA Compliance Team at no additional cost in order to assist our customers with achieving and maintaining their HIPAA Compliance objectives.
- **ISV and SaaS support** - many of our customers include Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) who serve the healthcare market and require HIPAA compliance. Some also wish to move their applications to a hosted Software as a Service (SaaS) model. Whether you are a Covered Entity, a Business Associate, or a technology provider to the healthcare market, Connectria can help you implement and manage a HIPAA Compliant environment in Azure.
- **A comprehensive HIPAA Managed Services Plan** - Connectria provides a full suite of security services in support of HIPAA compliance, including:
 - » Business Associate Agreement Protections (Connectria and Microsoft)
 - » Encrypted Offsite Data Backups
 - » Vulnerability Scanning For Risk Analysis
 - » Advanced Device & Media Controls For Media Disposal & Media Re-Use
 - » Advanced Data Encryption Support For Data In Motion and At Rest
 - » Multi-Factor Authentication Support
 - » Advanced Information Systems Activity Review
 - » Application Access Controls
 - » Advanced Risk Management
 - » Facility Audits
 - » HIPAA Compliant Employee Controls

About Connectria

Connectria provides award-winning cloud computing, managed hosting and custom hosting solutions for more than 1,000 customers in over 30 countries worldwide. We are experts in complex multi-vendor solutions, and we support the broadest range of technologies, managed services and security in the industry.

At the core of Connectria is our No Jerks Allowed® company philosophy. As The Jerk Free Company®, we've established a unique culture where every individual goes "the extra mile" to take care of our customers. Being The Jerk Free Company® extends beyond our people too. We make it easy to do business with us through flexible terms, scalable solutions and straight-forward pricing to serve the hosting needs of large and small organizations alike.



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