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# Remote Access Authentication In Healthcare

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# Agenda



- Intro
- Define Multi-Factor, importance, and role in compliance
- Multi-Factor obstacles and options in marketplace
- Market shift to phone-based methods
- PhoneFactor overview
- Case studies
- Questions

# About PhoneFactor



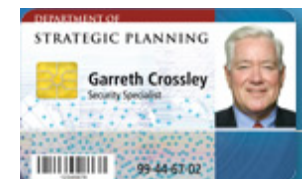
- Founded in 2001
- SAS 70 Type II Certified
- Trusted platform
- Large scale/high risk verticals



# What Is Multi-Factor Authentication?



- A Second Layer Of Authentication Beyond User Name And Password
  - Something You Know - Password, PIN, Or Challenge Questions
  - +
  - Something You Have - Phone, Credit Card, Or Token
  - OR
  - Something You Are - Fingerprint, Retinal Scan, Or Other Biometric
- Stronger When Authentication Occurs Through Distinct Channels (Out-of-Band)



# Why Is Multi-Factor Authentication So Critical?



- Authentication is the first line of defense against attacks
- Authentication “Touches” the user, so user experience is key
- The cost of a breach continues to grow
- Move toward electronic medical records, electronic prescriptions, automated healthcare systems, and mobile devices
- Not only is it best practice, industry regulation either recommends or requires it – HIPAA, State Pharmacy Boards, HITECH, ARRA, PCI DSS, etc.

# The Role of Multi-Factor Authentication in Compliance



## ■ Ohio State Board of Pharmacy

- “Positive ID” cited in any rule regarding record keeping and drug documents
- Sign in Ink = Sign Electronically = Positive ID = Multi-Factor Auth

## ■ Title II of HIPAA Sets Specific Guidelines For Security

- Protect “Electronic Protected Health Information” transmitted electronically over open networks (i.e. remote access)
- Examples: Home health nurse, physician filling a prescription electronically, transmission of files from hospital to insurance provider, physician working remotely to hospital
- Does not specifically require two-factor, but it is considered industry best practice

# Multi-Factor Project Obstacles Can Be Daunting



## ■ Employee Resistance

- Physicians and staff do not want to carry an extra device
- Work at multiple facilities with multiple devices
- Tokens in particular can be difficult to read

## ■ Large Scale Deployments

- Often deployed to thousands of employees at multiple sites
- Training and deployment are difficult to coordinate

## ■ Unmanaged Equipment and Networks

- Mobile devices, tablet PCs (iPad), computers and network connections are often not managed by the hospital's IT department
- Supporting end user software or certificates can be a drain on IT resources

# Multi-Factor Comparison



## ■ Physical Tokens

- Device that displays random 6 digit number in small screen for 30-45 seconds
- Proven (15+ years) but vulnerable (RSA Breach + not OOB)

## ■ SMS Tokens

- Random digit sent to SMS enabled phone
- More convenient than token but required to have SMS enabled cell phone/plan

## ■ Certificates (PKI)

- Deceptive financially: Less hard costs but higher on soft costs
- Not true Multi-Factor “something you know and something your computer knows”

## ■ Biometrics

- Something you are

## ■ Smart Card or Proximity Badge Readers

- Typical option for “inside hospital walls” but not remote since physical reader required

## ■ Phone Authentication

## ■ Do Nothing – physicians’ favorite 😊



# Market Shifts To Phone-Based Methods



## ■ Leading Analysts Firms Note The Shift To Phone-Based Authentication

- “Phone-based authentication, like that provided by PhoneFactor, is predicted to comprise 61% of the multi-factor authentication market by 2014” – Goode Intelligence
- “Handheld mobile devices will be the most-common physical form factor for new or refreshed user authentication implementations” - Gartner
- “The support for phone-based authentication recently announced by Google (for Google Apps) and Facebook will only increase the rate of adoption.” – Gartner

## ■ Phone-Based Authentication

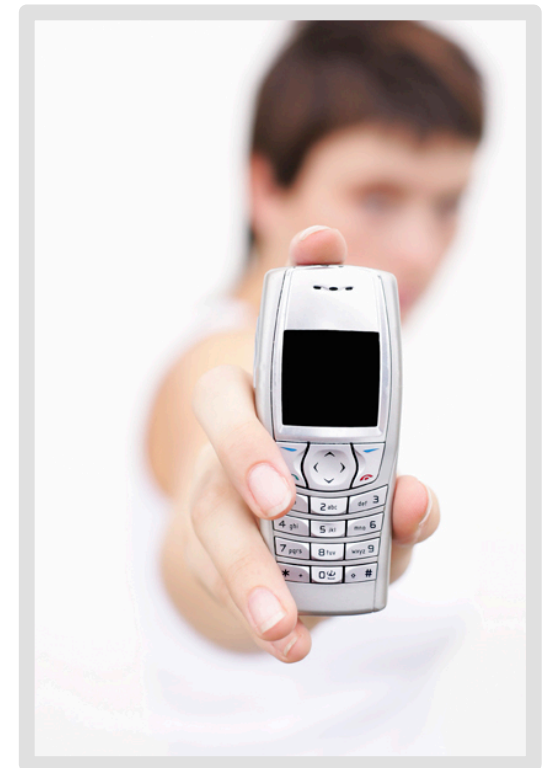
- Leverages the user’s existing phone as the trusted device
- Telephones/phone numbers are extremely difficult to intercept or duplicate
- Minimal impact on the user experience
- Typically less expensive to implement and support than tokens

# Benefits of Phone-Based Authentication



## ■ User Adoption

- User-friendly; everyone has a cell phone and knows how to use it
- No end user training required, it is an extension of their everyday work/life flow
- Accessible for users with disabilities
- Works with any device from any location in the world – IT doesn't have to support multiple devices
- User replaces his own phone from a local retailer rather than having IT ship him a new token, which would incur cost and downtime



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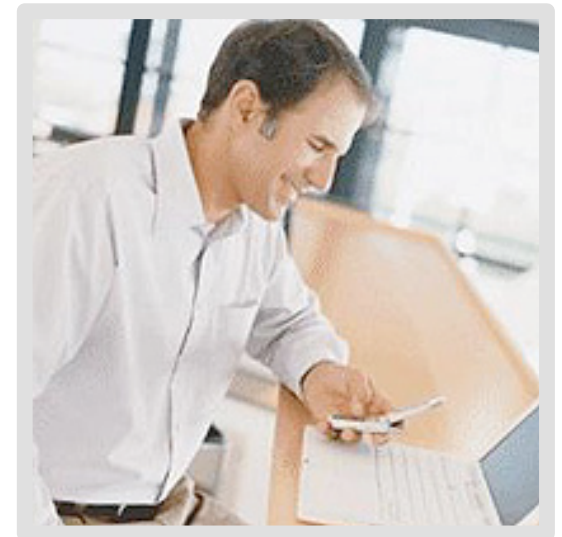


## ■ Out-of-Band Security

- Uses a second channel for the second factor of authentication
- Allows two-way communications to verify login or provide other input, such as a confirmation code
- Allows playback and confirmation of transaction level details
- Can also accommodate three-factor biometric voice authentication without special hardware (which biometrics typically require)

## ■ Scalability

- No devices to provision, mail, inventory, and replace
- Easy to deploy for large numbers of geographically diverse users
- Cost-effective to setup and maintain



# Typical Healthcare Use Cases



## ■ Physician and Employee Remote Access (Outside Hospital Walls)

- Applications: Citrix, VPN, SSO, OWA
- Key Benefit: High physician adoption rates + OOB increased security

## ■ Board of Pharmacy Requirements

- Applications: Citrix, SSO, EMR
- Key Benefit: Approved and proven with OH Board of Pharmacy

## ■ Third Party Vendors

- Applications: VPN
- Key Benefit: Eliminate device management for non- employee population

## ■ Web Portals

- Applications: Patient, physician, and employee web portal (i.e.: Microsoft HealthVault, PeopleSoft)
- Key Benefit: Cost effective + scalable + no device management



# PhoneFactor's Phone-Based Multi-Factor Authentication

- No tokens for users to carry and track
- No software or certificates for end users to install
- No hardware or devices to purchase and manage
- Works with any phone, anywhere in the world
- Supports multiple phone numbers with call rollover
- Can be setup in minutes for thousands of users
- No end user training is required
- Automated enrollment and user self-service



# Two Easy Out-of-Band Authentication Methods

## Step 1:

User logs into any application using their standard username and password.

## Step 2:

### Phone Call



*This is PhoneFactor.  
Please press the #  
sign to complete your  
authentication.*

PhoneFactor places an automated phone call to the user. The user answers the phone and presses # (or enters a PIN) to authenticate.

### SMS Text



PhoneFactor sends a OTP to the user in a text message. The user replies to the text message with the passcode (or the passcode and PIN) to authenticate.

# Require a PIN to Authenticate

## ■ PIN Security

Add a third tier of protection by requiring users to enter a personal identification number (PIN) to authenticate. Even if an attacker had access to the user's phone, they could not authenticate without also knowing the user's secret PIN.

## ■ PIN Rules and Resets

Specify rules for PIN strength and expiration and allow users to change their PIN from the phone menu.

## ■ Works with Phone Call and SMS Methods

## ■ Defeats Call Forwarding Attacks

*This is PhoneFactor.*

*Please enter your PIN followed by the # sign to complete your authentication.*



# Case Study: Ohio Health



Goal: Find a true two-factor solution to replace 4,300 RSA SecurID tokens that required less overhead and provided a more positive user experience.

## ■ About OhioHealth:

- OhioHealth is a large network of 17 hospitals and numerous other clinics and facilities serving Central Ohio. They have 2,500 physicians and 15,000 employees.
- OhioHealth had been using RSA tokens to two-factor physicians and other staff for remote access into their electronic medical records. This had proven to be cumbersome and expensive.
- They transitioned away from security tokens to PhoneFactor. The results:
  - Increased efficiency and user satisfaction
  - Significant costs savings
  - An unchanged workflow
  - Regulatory compliance – HIPAA and Ohio State Pharmacy Board
  - Very little ongoing maintenance and user management





# Our Host: Catholic Health Partners



Goal: Replace Security Tokens in a key division to (1) Eliminate device management (2) Decrease costs (3) Improve physician experience.

- PhoneFactor client for one + years
- Previously using tokens
- Using PhoneFactor to secure remote access for physicians
- Their recommendation of PhoneFactor for you today:
  - ☑ Painless setup
  - ☑ Low maintenance
  - ☑ Positive accolades from physicians



# THANK YOU

# QUESTIONS



[www.phonefactor.com](http://www.phonefactor.com)

Re-evaluating your use of SecurID tokens after the RSA breach?

Check out our [Token Replacement Program](#)