

§170.315(d)(9) Trusted connection

2015 Edition Test Procedure

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Revision History

Version #	Description of Change	Version Date
1.0	Final Test Procedure	01-08-2016
1.1	As of September 21, 2017, Test Procedure has been moved to Attestation/Developer self-declaration only.	09-21-2017

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Establish a trusted connection using one of the following methods:

- (i) *Message-level*. Encrypt and integrity protect message contents in accordance with the standards specified in §170.210(a)(2) and (c)(2).
- (ii) *Transport-level*. Use a trusted connection in accordance with the standards specified in §170.210(a)(2) and (c)(2).

Standard(s) Referenced

Applies to entire criterion

§ 170.210(a)(2) *General*. Any encryption algorithm identified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as an approved security function in [Annex A of the Federal Information Processing Standards \(FIPS\) Publication 140-2, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules, October 8, 2014](#)

§ 170.210(c)(2) A hashing algorithm with a security strength equal to or greater than SHA-2 as specified by NIST in [FIPS Publication 180-4, Secure Hash Standard, 180-4 \(August 2015\)](#)


Testing components

Self-Declaration: As of September 21, 2017, the testing approach for this criterion is satisfied by self-declaration.

The archived version of the Test Procedure is attached below for reference.

System Under Test	Test Lab Verification
The health IT developer submits their self-declaration to the ONC-ATL.	The Tester verifies the self-declaration document contains all of the required data elements.

Archived Version:

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