



Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard



PCI DSS or Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard is a strict set of controls created to ensure all companies that accept, process, store or transmit credit card information maintain a secure environment. Many companies must undergo a PCI DSS audit and obtain a report of compliance.



Merchant

A merchant is defined as any entity that accepts payment cards bearing the logos of any of the five members of PCI SSC (American Express, Discover, JCB, MasterCard or Visa) as payment for goods and/or services.



How PCI standards apply

The PCI DSS applies to any organization, regardless of size or number of transactions, that accepts, transmits, or stores any cardholder data.



Expectations of the practice

All practices will fall into one of four merchant levels. Your level is based on the Visa transaction volume over a 12-month period. Transaction volume is based on the aggregate number of Visa transactions (inclusive of credit, debit and prepaid) from a practice Doing Business As ('DBA'). Self-assessment questionnaires (SAQ) are available for your practice to ensure your PCI compliance and to protect the card data of your patients. Just like HIPPA the PCI requirements serve to protect you AND your patients from malicious intent.

[Find the appropriate SAQ for your practice.](#)

About AdvancedMD

AdvancedMD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Global Payments. As such, we are covered under the PCI-DSS obtained and recertified each year by Global Payments. Our processing gateway, Portico, is the product listed by the PCI Council.

[Learn about the certification covering the product used by AdvancedMD.](#)