

Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool (ASETT)

User Manual

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CMS Introduction

1. Introduction

Title II of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), known as the Administrative Simplification provisions, requires national standards for electronic healthcare transactions and national identifiers for providers and employers.

The standards improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the nation's healthcare system by encouraging widespread use of electronic data interchange (EDI) in the U.S. healthcare system.

Section 1104 of the ACA requires implementing transaction operating rules and additional standards. It also requires periodic compliance reviews.

The Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool (ASETT) supports the Administrative Simplification and the ACA by providing complainants a way to file complaints, check the status and update their complaints (including electronic submission of supporting documents), and test healthcare transactions for compliance with HIPAA/ACA standards and Operating Rules. The tool also allows the staff of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to manage the overall complaint process, add information about a complaint, review and upload documents, test transactions, and generate reports to track activities and complaint status.

1.1 Purpose

This manual contains procedures for ASETT users (registrants, site users, administrators, and filed-against entities) to use all the ASETT functions and features.

CMS Overview

2. Overview

The ASETT application is available for industry users (health plans, healthcare clearinghouses, providers, and their business partners or associates) to obtain information about the Administrative Simplification provisions, to file a complaint for a potential violation of those provisions, and for the National Standards Group (NSG) to monitor and enforce those provisions.

2.1 Business Processes

The ASETT application is comprised of the following business processes:

Business Process	Description
Complainant Registration	Prospective complainants can create user credentials for ASETT
Complaint Filing	Complainants can submit an electronic complaint and provide support for that complaint
Complaint Management	Registered users can check the status of a complaint or upload support documents. The complainant must have filed their complaint in the ASETT tool
Transaction Testing	Registered users can test a healthcare transaction for Administrative Standards compliance, with or without filing a complaint
Complaint Response	The Filed-Against Entity (FAE) can accept or dispute allegations, upload response documents, and certify a corrective action plan is complete, via a web portal

Table 1 - ASETT Business Processes

ASETT is available 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, except for downtime for system maintenance.

2.2 Conventions

This User Manual provides screen images and corresponding descriptions for how to use the system. The manual follows the flow of ASETT screens. The manual begins with an overview and navigation of the ASETT Website Home Page, then moves to overviews of the ASETT Complaint filing and response tools.

Several of the screen images of the system are modified to fit into this user manual. The modifications provide a reasonable facsimile of the pages seen in your web browser.

Page names, field names, action buttons, and important information is displayed in **Bold** text.

As an instructional guide, this User Manual employs command syntax conventions adhering to the Microsoft Manual of Style for Technical Publications.

CMS Overview

2.3 Cautions and Warnings

US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Terms and Conditions are applicable to use and for use of ASETT and are agreed to by all users who register to use Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Identity Management (IDM) to access CMS systems and tools.

2.4 System Limitations

In areas where document uploads are required, the system has a file size limit and allows only specific file types.

2.4.1 File Size

Files over 4.8 MB cannot be uploaded.

2.4.2 File Type

Acceptable file types for upload are displayed on each page where there is an upload field. These file types, defined in **Appendix A: Acronyms**, are:

- .dat
- .docx
- .pdf
- .txt
- .xlsx
- .zip

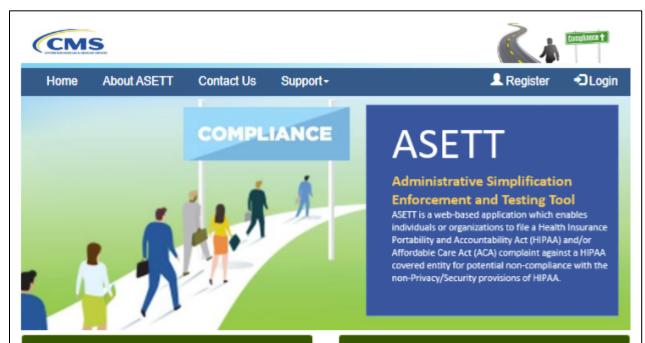
3. The ASETT Website Home Page

3.1 Accessing the Website

ASETT requires no specific setup activities. You may access the system via a web browser (Internet Explorer (IE) 9 or above, Mozilla Firefox 3.6 and above, or Google Chrome) and enter data into ASETT via a personal computer. You need access to the Internet to find and view the ASETT pages, and access to a printer to print.

Select the following link to access ASETT: https://asett.cms.gov

The system will display the **ASETT Home Page**.



File HIPAA Complaint

See the <u>About ASETT</u> section to learn more about how to file a complaint.

Submit complaints for the following violations:

- Transaction
- Unique Identifier
- Code Sets
- Operating Rules

To file a complaint you must login by clicking the login button. If you don't have an account, you can create one through the CMS Enterprise Portal by clicking on the Create Account button.

If you would like to file a complaint without an account, click on the Get Started button below.

Get Started

Test HIPAA Transactions

Test Transaction tool allows all transactions to be checked consistently for compliance, syntax and business rules. Validate transactions across various formats including the following:

- ASC X12 5010
- NCPDP D.0
- ICD-10 Diagnostic and procedure codes
- Unique Identifiers

This tool can also validate code values against 60plus clinical and non-clinical code sets, including ICD-9 and ICD 10 diagnosis and procedure code sets. The Test Transactions tool will provide intuitive error reports and acknowledgements to help identify and resolve error.

To test a transaction you must login by clicking the login button. If you don't have an account, you can create one by clicking on the Register link.

Privacy Complaints

If you believe that a covered entity or business associate violated your health information privacy rights or committed another violation of the Privacy, Security or Breach Notification Rules, you may file a complaint at the link below: Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

Figure 1 - ASETT Home Page

3.2 Navigating the Website

The ASETT website is comprised of several pages and functions described in this section of the user manual.



Figure 2 - Top Navigation Bar

The ASETT website pages contain a top navigation bar with links to other ASETT pages. The links available are:

- Home
- About ASETT
- Contact Us
- Support

The ASETT Home Page contains three (3) action buttons for specific ASETT processes, further described in **Section 3.2**. The buttons are:

- Register
- Login
- Get Started

At the bottom of each page is displayed three (3) hyperlinks further described in **Section 3.3**. The links are:

- Home
- Privacy Policy
- Security Policy

There is also a link to the **Office for Civil Rights (OCR)** for users who found the ASETT Home Page while looking to file a complaint about HIPAA Privacy and Security regulation violation. ASETT is not affiliated with OCR.

3.2.1 Top Navigation Bar Links

3.2.1.1 Home

Selecting **Home** from the top navigation bar will return you to the **ASETT Home** page. If you are on the ASETT Home page, selecting the **Home** link will simply refresh the page.



Figure 3 - Home Link in Top Navigation Bar

Please also see **Section 3.2.3.1 Home**.

3.2.1.2 About ASETT

When **About ASETT** is selected, you are navigated to the **About ASETT** page.

The first item is a video overview of Administrative Simplification with an introduction to the ASETT system.

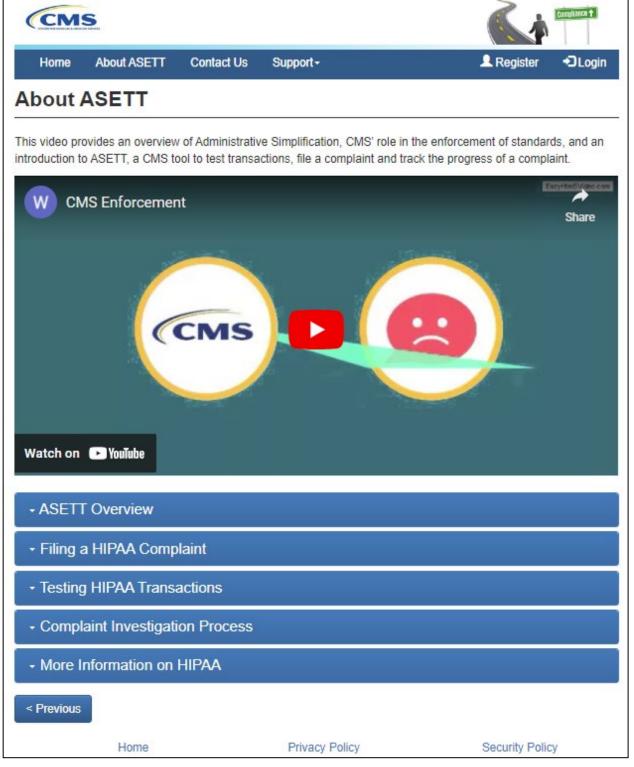


Figure 4 – About ASETT Page

There are five sections displayed below the overview video. To open a section, click on the down icon on the left of the bar or select the section title:

ASETT Overview

The Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool (ASETT) is a web-based application which enables individuals or organizations to file a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and/or Affordable Care Act (ACA) complaint against a HIPAA covered entity (which includes health care providers, health plans, and clearinghouses) for potential non-compliance with the non-Privacy/Security provisions of HIPAA. This includes Transactions and Code Sets, Unique Identifier, and Operating Rules provisions. The ASETT system securely captures demographic information about the complainant and the filed-against entity, as well as details of the alleged violation, and any supporting documentation provided by the complainant and the filed-against entity. When filing a complaint, the complainant has the option to remain anonymous to the filed-against entity.

- Filing a HIPAA Complaint
- Testing HIPAA Transactions
- Complaint Investigation Process
- More Information on HIPAA

Figure 5 - Expand the Topics

Each section provides detail for the section heading (topic), ranging from description of the tool (ASETT Overview) to instruction to perform activities within ASETT (Filing a HIPAA Complaint and Testing HIPAA Transactions), and including general information (Complaint Investigation Process and More Information on HIPAA).

To close the section, click on the down icon on the left of the bar, select the section title again, or select the next section title you wish to open, which automatically closes the previous open section.

The **Previous** button is located at the bottom of the page. Selecting this button will return you to the prior page, in this case, back to the **Home** page.

3.2.1.3 Contact Us

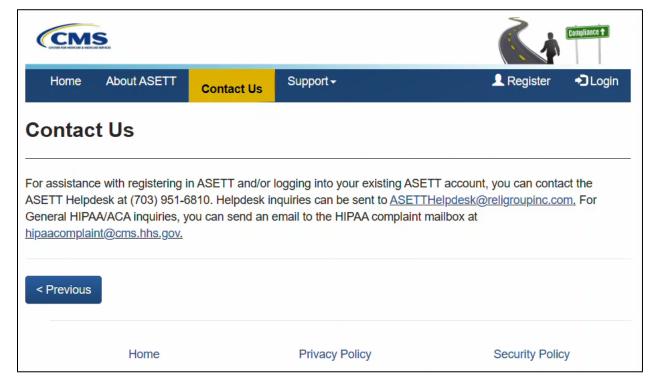


Figure 6 - Contact Us Link

When **Contact Us** is selected, you are navigated to the **Contact Us** page, where you will find several methods to reach out to both the NSG Enforcement Team and the ASETT Help Desk Team. The ASETT Help Desk is available from 8 am to 5 pm Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

The **Previous** button is located at the bottom of the page. Selecting this button will return you to the prior page; in this case, back to the **About ASETT** page.

3.2.1.4 **Support**

The **Support** link is a drop-down menu. When the **Support** link is selected, it will display the menu options. Each option will navigate you to a new page.



Figure 7 – Support Options

The options to select for further assistance:

ASETT Glossary
Frequently Asked Questions
User Manual

3.2.1.4.1 ASETT Glossary

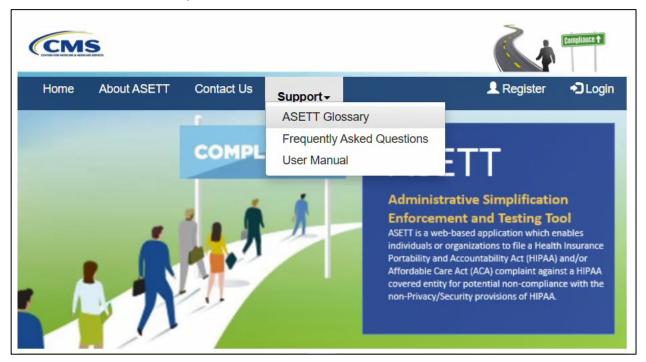


Figure 8 – ASETT Glossary Link

When you select the ASETT Glossary link, you are navigated to the Glossary page, where terms are defined for all users.



Figure 9 – Glossary Page (Excerpt)

The **Previous** button is located at the bottom of the page. Selecting this button will return you to the **Home** page.

3.2.1.4.2 Frequently Asked Questions

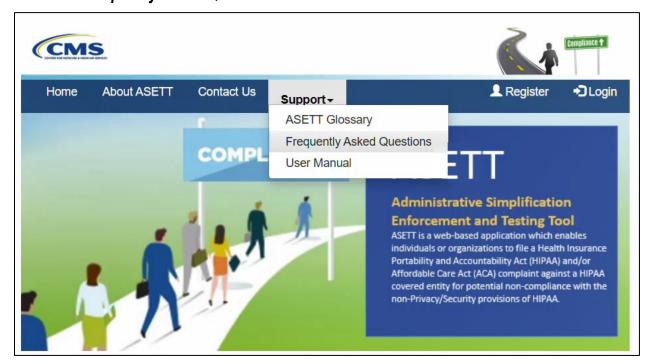


Figure 10 - Frequently Asked Questions Link

When **Frequently Asked Questions** is selected, you are navigated to the **Frequently Asked Questions** page, where you will find explanations and answers for most often

asked questions about ASETT, HIPAA Administrative Simplification, and complaint enforcement.

The following is an excerpt from the page:

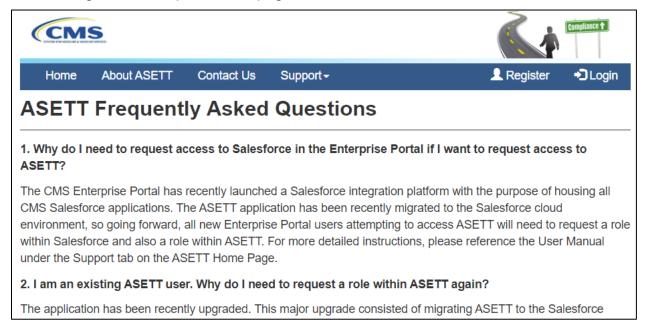


Figure 11 – Frequently Asked Questions Page (Excerpt)

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3.2.1.4.3 User Manual

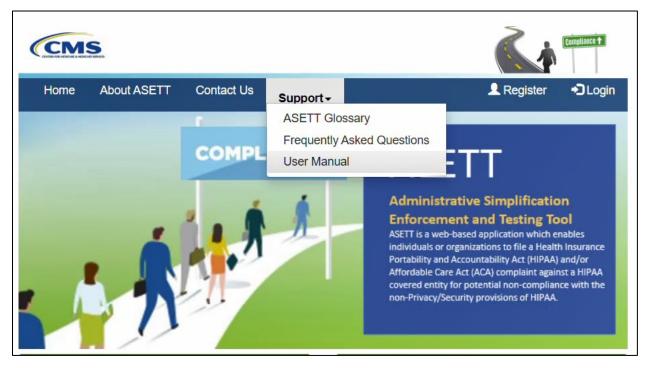


Figure 12 - User Manual Link

When **User Manual** link is selected, you will be navigated to the **Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool (ASETT) User Manual**, a .pdf file that you can review online or download to your local device. The user manual describes features and provides guides to navigating ASETT website pages. Hyperlinks within the user manual will direct you to affiliated CMS websites.



Figure 13 – User Manual Page (Excerpt)

The **Previous** button is located at the bottom of the page. Selecting this button will return you to the **Home** page.

3.2.2 Action Buttons

3.2.2.1 Register Button



Figure 14 - Register Button

You must first register in the **CMS Identity Management (IDM)** system. This manual does not provide comprehensive steps to complete your registration in IDM; please see the **IDM User Guide (PDF)** found on the **IDM Documentation** page on the CMS website.

The ASETT application registration steps are found in **Section 3.3 New User Registration**.

3.2.2.2 Log In Button



Figure 15 - Login Button

Select the **Login** button in the top navigation bar to be directed to the **CMS IDM Sign In** page.

The steps to log into ASETT are found in **Section 3.4 Login**.

3.2.2.3 Get Started Button

For users who have not registered in **IDM** but wish to file an Administrative Simplification complaint electronically, a simplified complaint form is available by selecting the **Get Started** button, located in the middle of the **ASETT Home Page**.

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To test a transaction you must login by clicking the login button. If you don't have an account, you can create one by clicking on the Register link.

Figure 16 - Get Started Button

Although this method allows you to bypass the registration process, you cannot add documents in support of your complaint, monitor your submitted complaint, or test your EDI transactions for HIPAA Administrative Simplification compliance.

Please see **Section 5 Filing a Complaint without Registering** for the steps to file a complaint in ASETT as an unregistered user.

3.2.3 Bottom Navigation Links

3.2.3.1 Home Link

Selecting the **Home** link at the bottom of any page will return you to the **ASETT Home Page**.

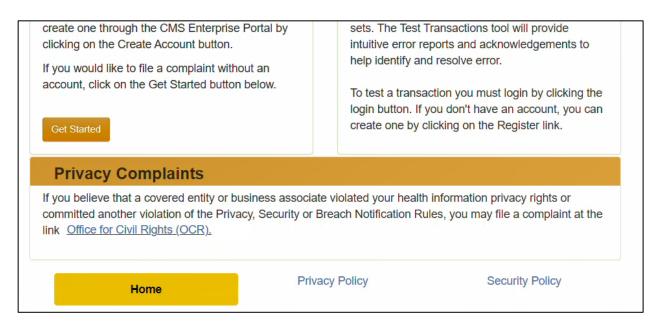


Figure 17 - Home Link at Bottom of Page

Please also see **Section 3.2.1.1 Home**.

3.2.3.2 Privacy Policy Link

The **Privacy Policy** link at the bottom of each page will take you to the **Privacy Agreement** page.

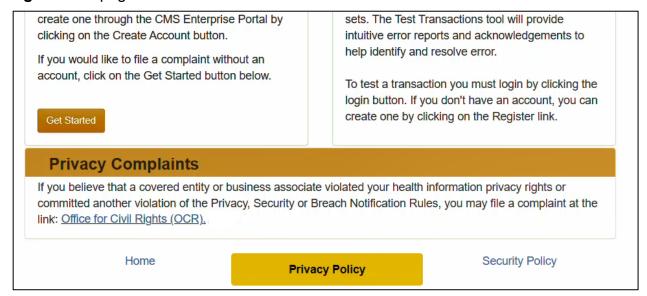


Figure 18 – Privacy Policy Link

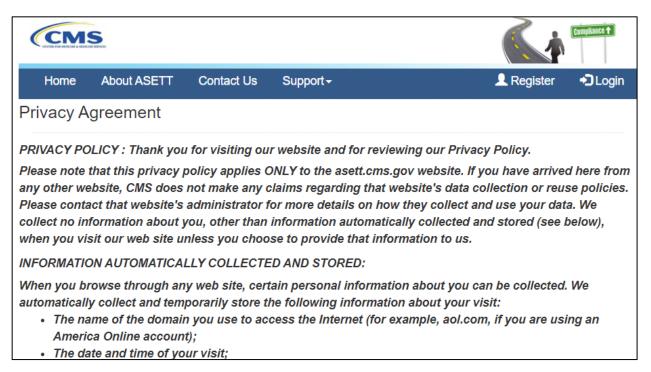


Figure 19 - Privacy Policy (Excerpt)

3.2.3.3 Security Policy Link

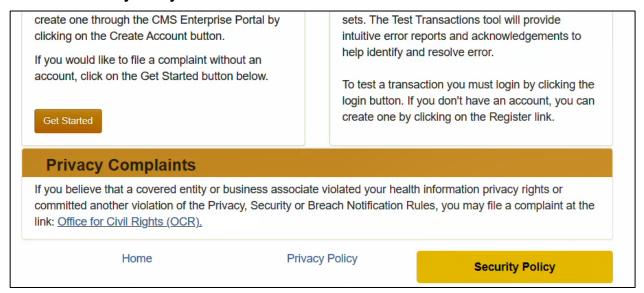


Figure 20 - Security Policy Link

The **Security Policy** link at the bottom of each page will take you to the **Privacy Agreement** page.



Figure 21 - Security Policy Page

3.3 New User Registration

Select the **Register** button on the navigation bar at the top of any ASETT website page to be directed to the **CMS IDM Sign In** page.

You may also access the **CMS IDM Sign In** page, where you will begin registration, by typing https://sei.cms.gov/ into your browser.

On the CMS IDM Sign In screen, select the New User Registration button below the Sign In fields.

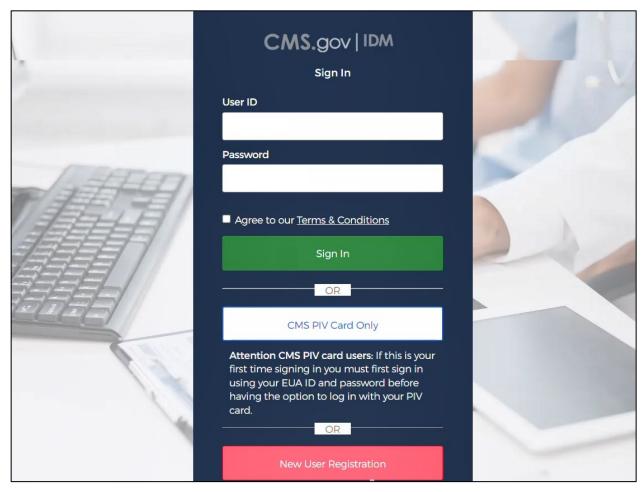


Figure 22 – CMS IDM Sign In Page

On the CMS.gov IDM Self Service **Personal** information page, complete all mandatory fields.

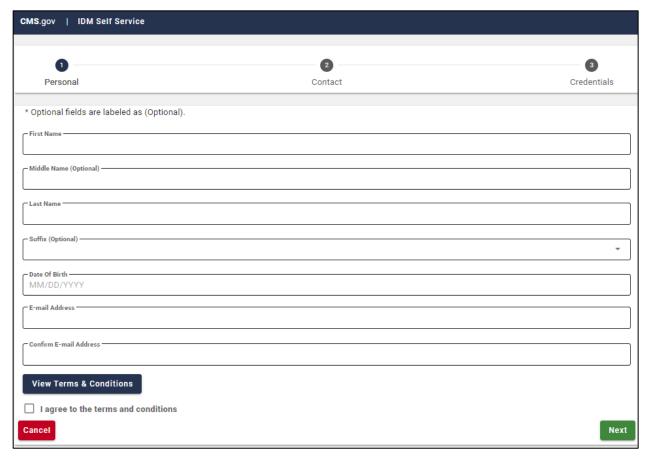


Figure 23 - Personal Information Fields

On the subsequent registration pages, enter additional contact details and create a username, password, and security question and answer.

Note: the security question and answer combination allows you to reset your password and unlock your account without contacting Tier 1 Support.

Follow the screen prompts and the **IDM User Guide (PDF)** found on the **IDM Documentation** page.

3.3.1 Multifactor Authentication

After the personal information screens are completed, the system will log you out.

Note: It is best to complete all steps of the registration process in one day.

On the **CMS IDM Sign In** page displayed, enter the user id created in the **Username** field.

Enter the password created in the **Password** field.

Mark the checkbox that you Agree with our Terms & Conditions.

Select the **Sign In** button.

The screen will request you set up your multifactor authentication (MFA). Please select one of the authentication options and follow the on-screen instructions.

3.3.2 Role Request

After the MFA method is set, the **IDM Self Service** screen will display with four tiles:

My Profile

Manage My Roles

Role Request

My Requests

The CMS.gov **IDM Self Service** screen also displays <u>Terms & Conditions</u> in the lower left corner of the screen. There is no confirmation required, but it is understood that each user agrees to abide by the <u>CMS Privacy Act Statement</u> and the <u>HHS Rules of Behavior</u> stated.

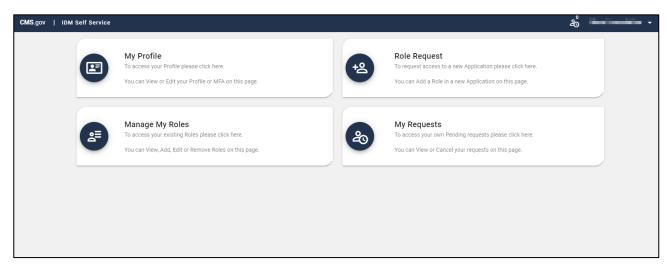


Figure 24 - IDM Self Service Screen

Select the Role Request tile.

On the Role Request page, select Salesforce from the list in the Select an Application field

For the **Select a Role** field, select **Salesforce User** from top of the list.

Agree to the terms and conditions, which will enable the **Next** button.

Select the **Next** button; the **Remote Identity Proofing** page will be displayed.

3.3.3 Remote Identity Proofing

On the **Remote Identity Proofing** screen, enter your personal information details in the fields as requested, *do not* enter your business contact details.

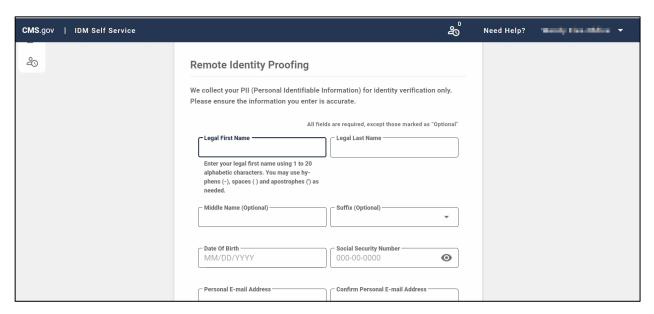


Figure 25 - Remote Identity Proofing Screen

Please refer to the **RIDP Tips for Success** and **Quick Start RIDP User Guide**, found on the **IDM Documentation** page.

Note: If you encounter problems with remote identity proofing, capture the **Response code** in the disclaimer message at the bottom of the page and contact the ASETT Help Desk for assistance.

After successfully completing Remote Identity Proofing, you will be logged out of the system.

3.3.4 Request a Role

On the **CMS IDM Sign In** page, enter the username and password, agree to the terms and conditions, and select the **Sign In** button.

Next, the system will ask you to request a verification code.

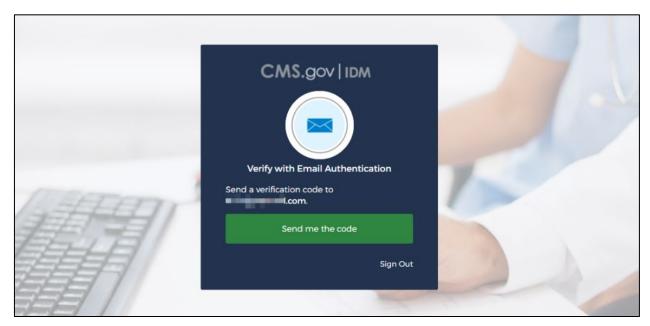


Figure 26 - Request Security Code

Select the **Send me the code** button. The system will send a security code to the email address entered at registration.

The IDM page will redisplay with a Verification code field.

Enter the code from the email you received and select the Verify button.

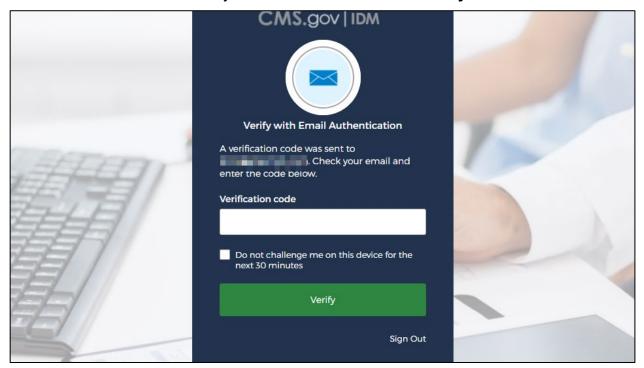


Figure 27 - Enter the Security Code

The next screen to display is auto generated since registration has not been completed.

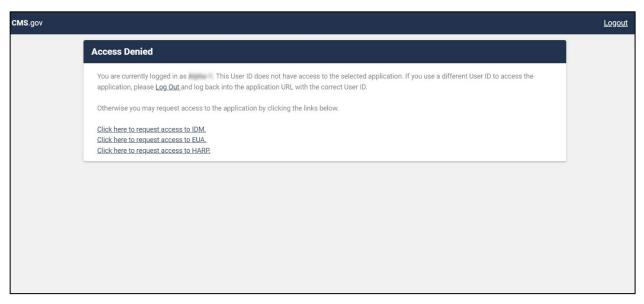


Figure 28 - Mid-Registration Warning Screen

Select the first hyperlink: Click here to request access to IDM.

On the next screen that is displayed, select the Role Request tile for a second time.

On the **Role Request** page, select **Salesforce** from the list in the **Select an Application** field.

For the **Select a Role** field, select **Salesforce User** from top of the list.

Agree to the terms and conditions, which will enable the **Next** button.

Please refer to the CMS IDM User Guide (PDF) on the <u>IDM Documentation</u> page for detailed information.

On the following screen, add your **Business Contact** information to the **Business Contact Information** screen.

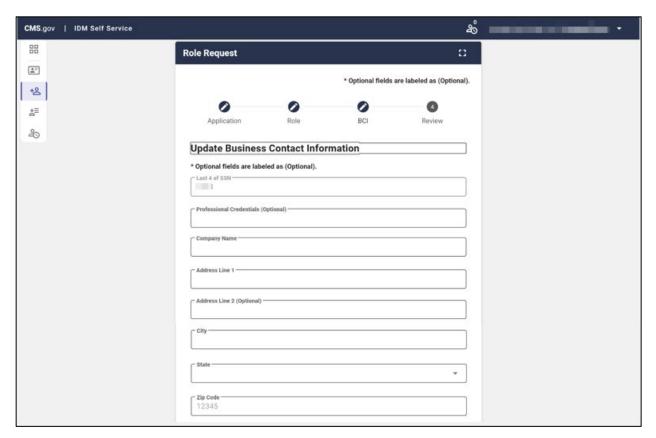


Figure 29 - Business Contact Information Fields

When all the fields are complete, select the **Update Business Contact Information** button.

The **Review** page will be displayed; enter your reason in the **Reason for Request** field. Select the **Submit Role Request** button.

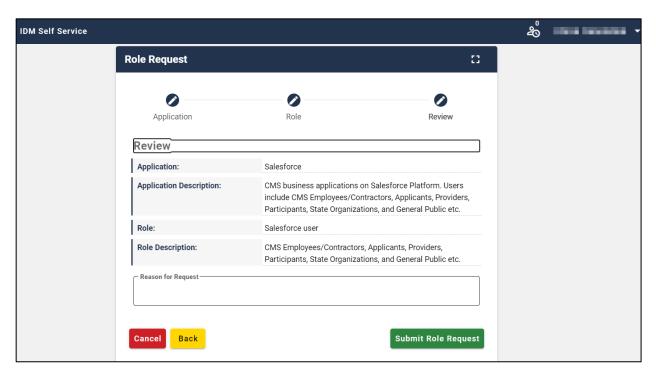


Figure 30 - Reason for Request

A confirmation message with a **Request ID** will display.

Select the **Back to Home** button and **Log Out** (found by hovering over your name in the upper right corner of the screen).

An approval email is sent to your email address.

3.3.5 Submit Request ASETT Access

Note: You must enter the web address https://sei.cms.gov/ in your browser to complete the final steps. The login screen that displays after the user logs out of the Self-Service screen appears similar but only will return the user to the IDM Self-Service screen.

On the **CMS IDM Sign In** page, enter your username and password, agree to the terms and conditions, and select the **Sign In** button.

Follow the screen prompts to request a security code, retrieve and enter the code from your email in the verification code field, and select the **Verify** button.

The Salesforce Enterprise Integration App Launcher page will be displayed.

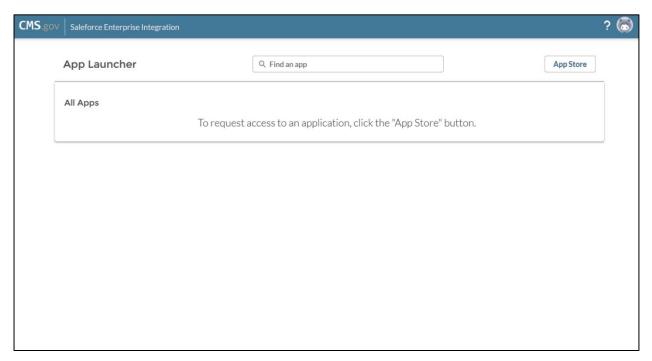


Figure 31 - App Launcher Page

Select the App Store button in the upper right corner of the screen.

The **Salesforce App Store** page will display, where you can request access to multiple CMS Salesforce applications as needed.

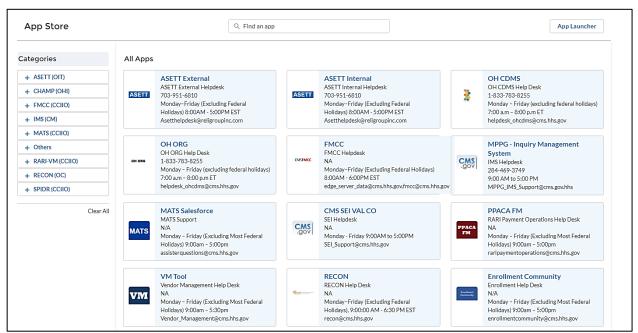


Figure 32 - Salesforce App Store

Note: Select the **ASETT External** tile to file and maintain HIPAA complaints for violations of the Administrative Simplification regulations.

Select the **ASETT External** tile from the catalog of applications shown.

The CMS App Listing page will display the Application Details tab and the Help Desk Information tab.

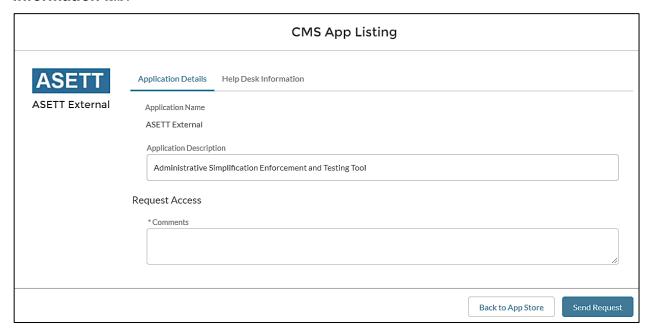


Figure 33 - App Listing Page

The **Application Description** is prefilled.

Enter comments in the Request Access field.

Select the **Send Request** button.

An **Application Request Confirmation** window will display. This indicates an email with information to access the application was sent to the address on file.

Note: External user access is approved automatically.

The subsequent times you log in, the **Salesforce Enterprise Integration App Launcher** page will be displayed.

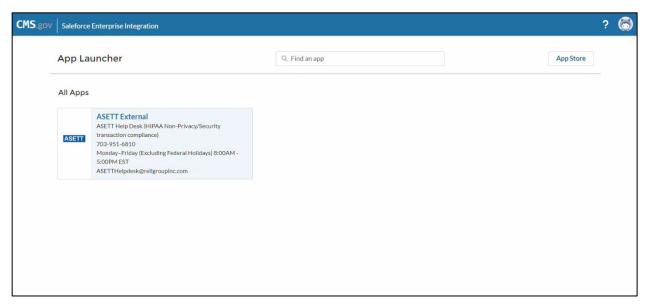


Figure 34 - ASETT External User Access

3.4 Login

Select the **Login** button in the top navigation bar on the **ASETT Home Page** to be directed to the **CMS IDM Sign In** page. The CMS IDM Sign In page may also be accessed directly by typing https://sei.cms.gov/ into your browser.

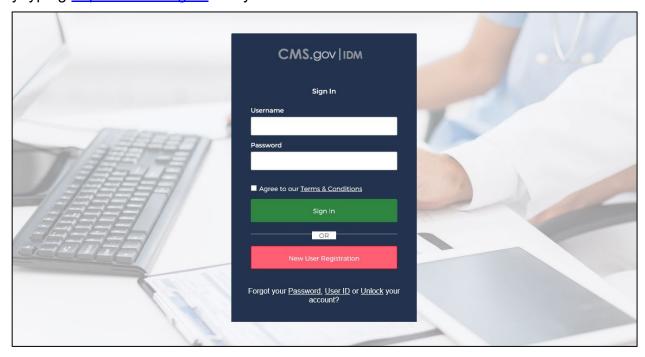


Figure 35 - CMS IDM Sign In Page

On the CMS IDM Sign In page, enter the User ID in the Username field.

Enter the password in the **Password** field.

Mark the checkbox that you **Agree with our Terms & Conditions**.

Select the Sign In button.

On the next screen, the system will ask you to request a verification code.

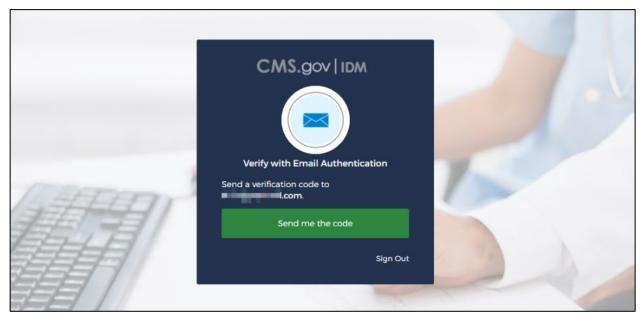


Figure 36 - Request Security Code

Select the Send me the code button.

The system will send a security code to your email address.

The IDM page will redisplay with a Verification code field.

Enter the code from the email you received and select the Verify button.

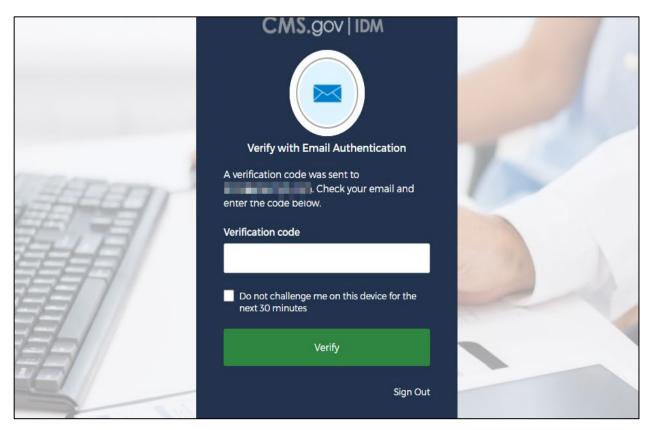


Figure 37 – Enter Verification Code

You are navigated to the **ASETT Community Home** page.

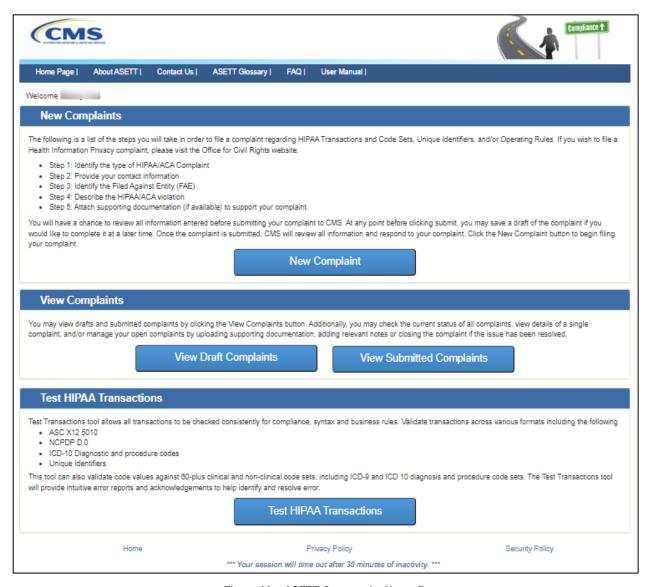


Figure 38 – ASETT Community Home Page

4. Filing a Complaint as a Registered User

Before filing a complaint, you must complete the CMS IDM registration process and request a user role for ASETT (please see **Section 3.3 New User Registration**.

You may choose to create an account to file complaints or file a complaint as an unregistered user (see **Chapter 5 Filing a Complaint without Registering**).

Only registered users can view and update a complaint after it is submitted, begin and save a complaint as a draft, and use the tool to test a transaction for compliance without filing a complaint.

As an unregistered complainant, you may only input the details of your complaint.

All complaints are acknowledged by a system-generated email within 48 hours, followed by an acknowledgment notice containing next steps, sent to the email added as the complainant's contact email address.

4.1 Create an Electronic Complaint

After registering to use the ASETT system (see **Section 3.3 – New User Registration**, you are directed to the ASETT registered user Home Page, also referred to as the **Complaint Community Home Page**.

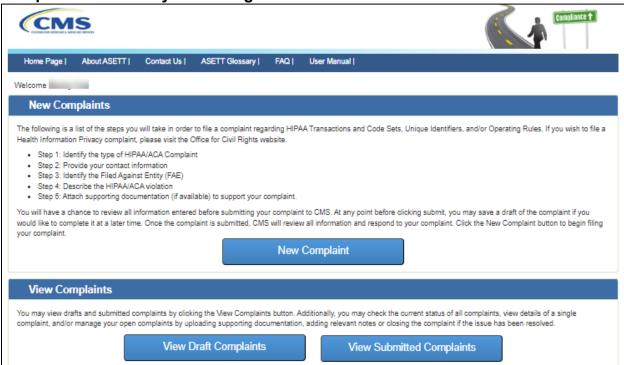


Figure 39 - Registered User Home Page

The file complaint function enables a user to enter all required information for a HIPAA/ACA complaint. You will enter the relevant information for the complaint:

- Complaint type (Transaction, Code Sets, Operating Rules, or Unique Identifiers)
- Complainant Information

- Filed-against Entity (FAE) Information
- Complaint Details
- Supporting Documentation

4.1.1 Complaint Type Page

Select the **New Complaint** button on the **Home Page**.

The system will display the **Complaint Type** page in a new window.

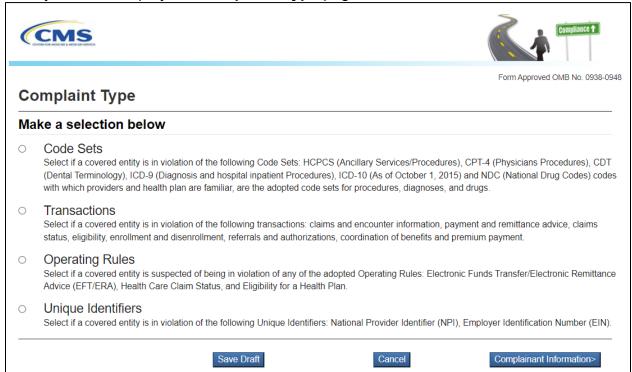


Figure 40 - Complaint Type Selection Page

Select the **Complaint Type** radio button that applies to the complaint to file.

Select the **Complainant Information** button at the bottom of the page.

Note: At any time, you may select the Save Draft or the Cancel button. Please see Section 4.1.9 Saving a Draft and Section 4.1.10 Cancel a Complaint for further details.

The system will display the **Complainant Details** page.

4.1.2 Complainant Details Page

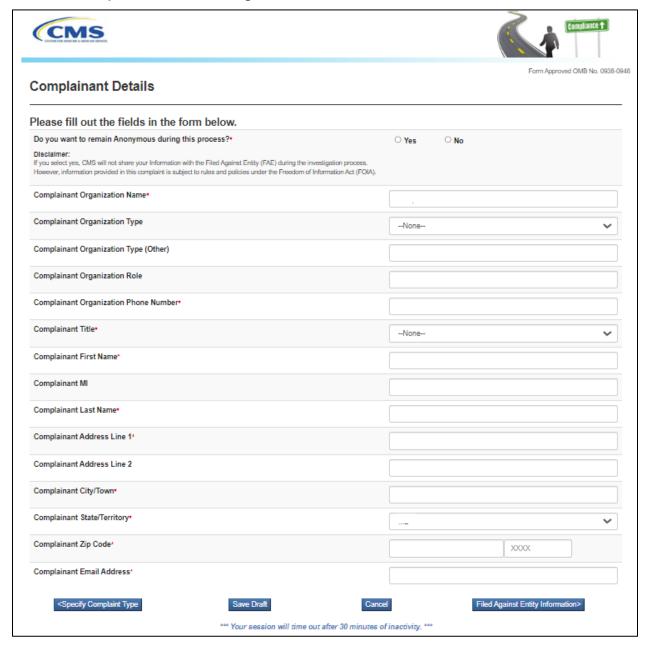


Figure 41 – Complainant Details Page

Complete the required fields, marked with a red asterisk '*' at the end of the field name. Select the **Filed Against Entity Information** button at the bottom of the page.

Note: At any time, you may select the **Save Draft** or the **Cancel** button. Please see Section **4.1.7 Saving a Draft** and **Section 4.1.8 Cancel a Complaint** for further details.

The system will display the **FAE Details** page.

4.1.3 Filed-Against Entity Details Page

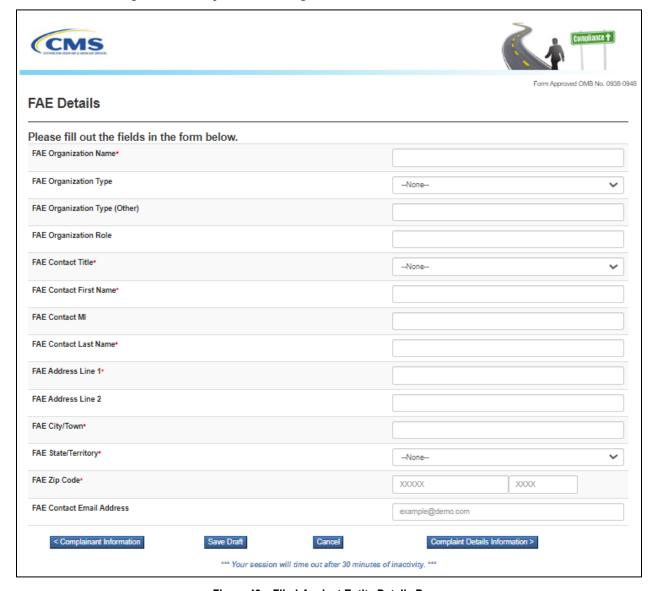


Figure 42 – Filed-Against Entity Details Page

The Filed-Against Entity is also referred to as the FAE.

Complete the required fields, marked with a red asterisk '*' at the end of the field name.

Select the **Complaint Details Information** button at the bottom of the page.

Note: At any time, you may select the **Save Draft** or the **Cancel** button. Please see **Section 4.1.7 Saving a Draft** and **Section 4.1.8 Cancel a Complaint** for further details.

The system will display the **Complaint Details** page.

4.1.4 Complaint Details Page

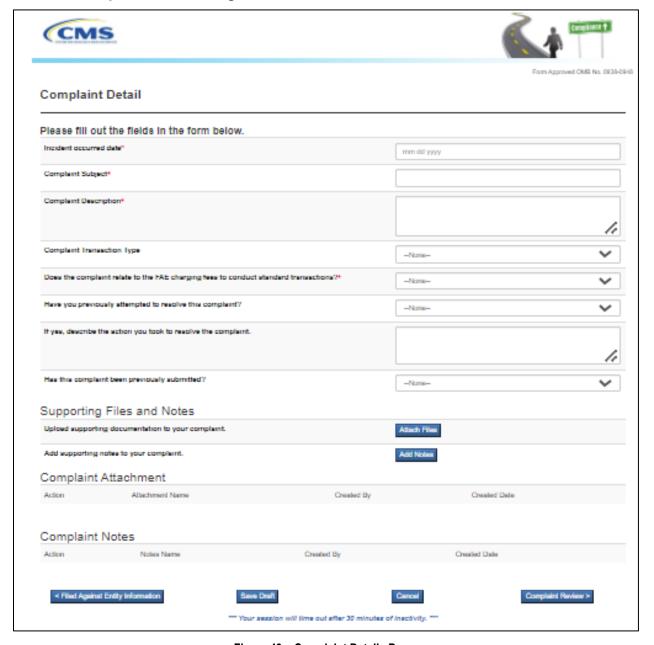


Figure 43 – Complaint Details Page

Complete the required fields, marked with a red asterisk '*' at the end of the field name.

Note: At any time, you may select the **Save Draft** or the **Cancel** button. Please see **Section 4.1.9 Saving a Draft** and **Section 4.1.10 Cancel a Complaint** for further details.

4.1.5 Attach Support Documents

If desired, select the **Attach Files** button, located in the **Supporting Files and Notes** section of the **Complaint Detail** page.

The system will display the **Attachment Upload** page.



Figure 44 – Attachment Upload

Select the **Choose File** button to select the desired file from your computer.

Select an **Attachment Type** from the drop-down list of values to indicate the type of document being uploaded.

Type the description of the file in the **File Description** text box.

Select the **Upload** button.

The system will display a success message when the documentation upload is complete.

Note: The system will allow only the following file types: .dat, .docx, .pdf, .txt, .xlsx, and .zip.

Note: All files must be 4.8 MB or smaller to be accepted by the system.

The system will return to the **Complaint Detail** page.

Select the **Complaint Review** button at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the **Review Complaint Summary** page.

Note: At any time, you may select the **Save Draft** or the **Cancel** button. Please see **Section 4.1.9 Saving a Draft** and **Section 4.1.10 Cancel a Complaint** for further details.

4.1.6 Add Notes

If desired, select the **Add Notes** button, located in the **Supporting Files and Notes** section of the **Complaint Detail** page.

The system will display the **Complaint Note** page.

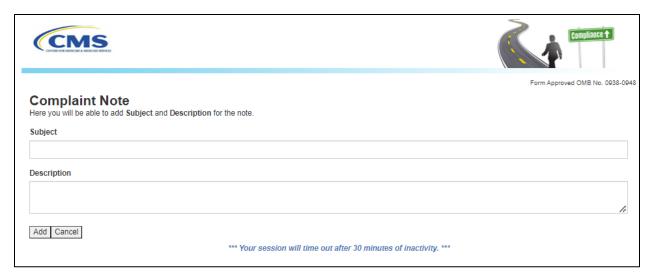


Figure 45 – Complaint Notes

Type the subject of the note in the **Subject** text box.

Type the description of the note in the **Description** text box.

Select the Add button.

The system will display a success message when the note is added.

The system will return to the **Complaint Detail** page.

Select the Complaint Review button at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the **Review Complaint Summary** page.

Note: At any time, you may select the **Save Draft** or the **Cancel** button. Please see **Section 4.1.9 Saving a Draft** and **Section 4.1.10 Cancel a Complaint** for further details.

4.1.7 Review Complainant Summary Page

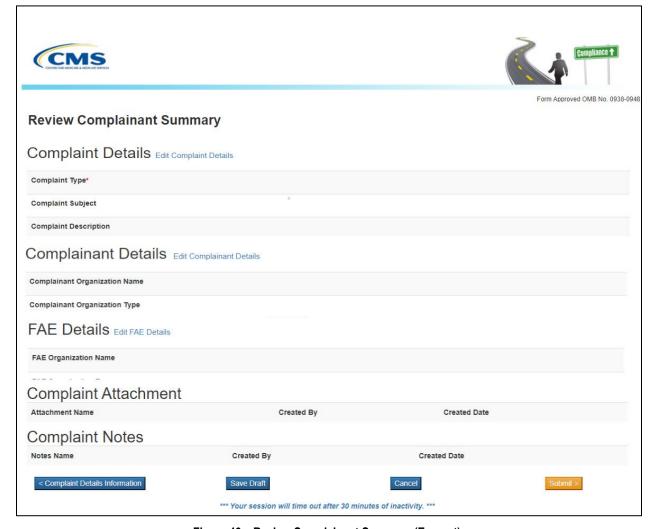


Figure 46 – Review Complainant Summary (Excerpt)

Select the **Edit** hyperlink next to any of the section headers to make changes to the respective page.

The system will redisplay the original page.

Select the **Back to Review Page** button at the bottom of the page you are reviewing to return to the **Review Complainant Summary** page.

Note: At any time, you may select the **Save Draft** or the **Cancel** button. Please see **Section 4.1.9 Saving a Draft** and **Section 4.1.10 Cancel a Complaint** for further details.

When the review is complete, select the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page.

A **Complaint Successfully Submitted** page will display with the assigned complaint number.

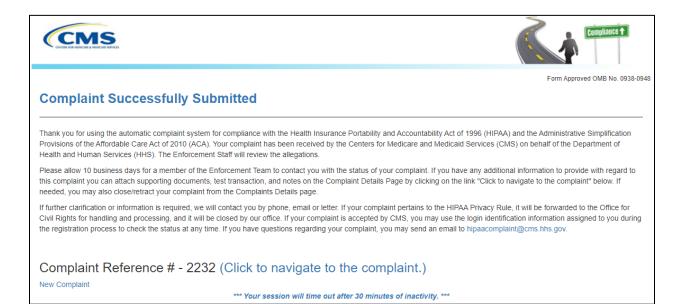


Figure 47 – Complaint Submitted Message

4.1.8 Review the Submitted Complaint Page

Select the Click to navigate to the complaint link, located next to the Complaint Reference #, to see a complete overview of the submitted complaint.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview** page.

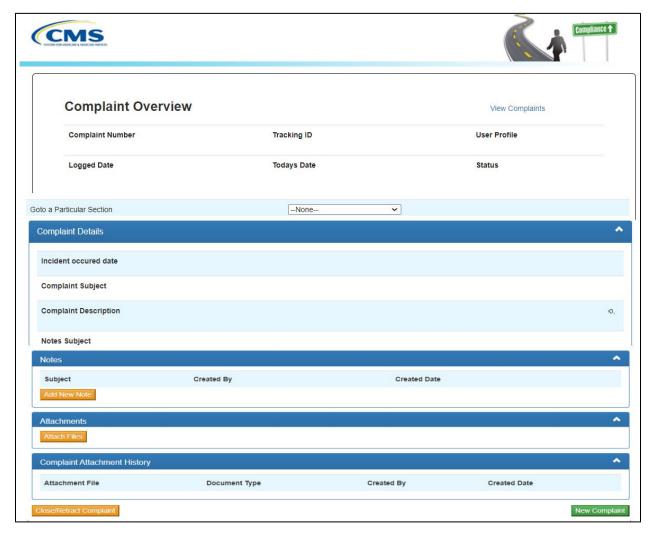


Figure 48 - Complaint Overview Page

4.1.9 Saving a Draft

A registered user can save the complaint as a draft at any time while filing a new complaint.

Select the **New Complaint** button located on the **ASETT Home Page**.

The system will display the **Complaint Type** page in a new window.

Select a Complaint Type.

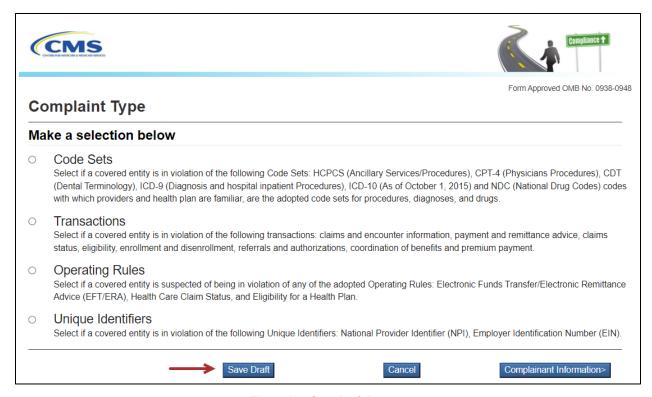


Figure 49 - Save Draft Button

Select the **Save Draft** button.

Note: The Save Draft functionality is available on the Complaint Type, Complainant Detail, FAE Detail, Complaint Detail, and Complaint Review pages until the Submit button is selected.

The system will display a success message.

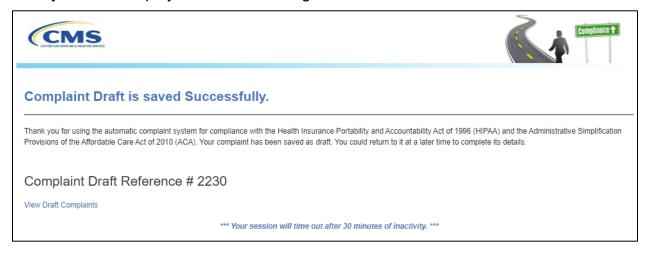


Figure 50 - Complaint Draft Saved

Select the **View Draft Complaints** link on the page, under the **Complaints Draft Reference Number**.

Alternately, you may log in later and select the **View Draft Complaints** button. (See **Section 4.2.3 View Draft Complaints**).

4.1.10 Cancel a Complaint

A registered user can cancel their complaint entry at any time while filing a new complaint. Select the **New Complaint** button located on the **ASETT Home Page**.

The system will display the **Complaint Type** page in a new window.

Select a **Complaint Type**.

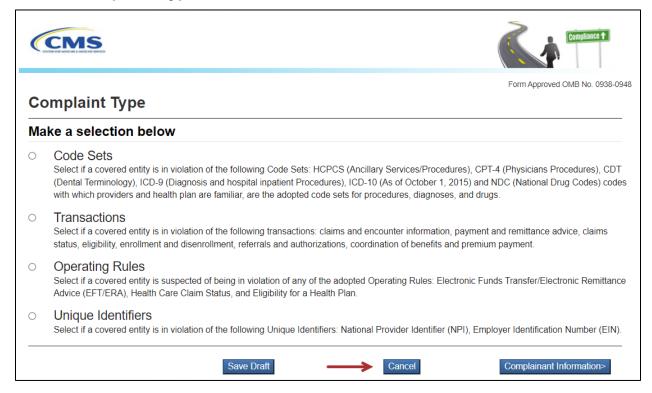


Figure 51 - Cancel Complaint Button

Select the **Cancel** button.

Note: The Cancel functionality is available on the Complaint Type, Complainant Detail, FAE Detail, Complaint Detail, and Complaint Review pages until the Submit button is selected.

The system will display a confirmation message.

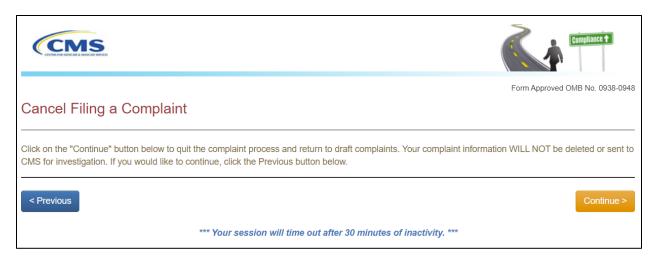


Figure 52 – Cancel Confirmation

Select the **Confirm** button to process the cancellation.

4.2 Managing Complaints

After submitting a complaint, a registered user can do the following:

- Upload Supporting Documents
- Add Notes
- Close/Retract Complaints

4.2.1 Attach Support Documents to a Submitted Complaint

To upload supporting documents to an existing complaint:

Select the View Submitted Complaints button on the ASETT Welcome Page.

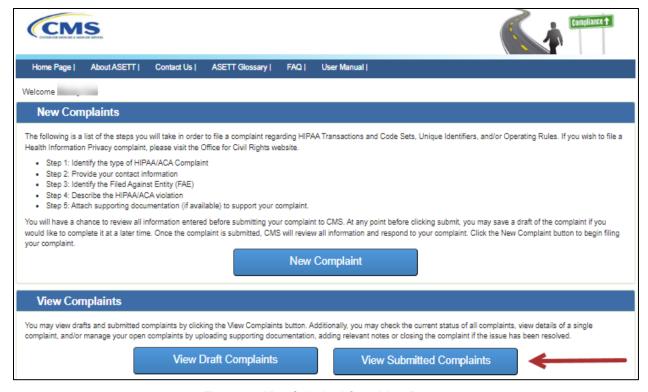


Figure 53 - View Submitted Complaints Button

The system will display the list of submitted complaints in a new window on the **Submitted Complaints** page.

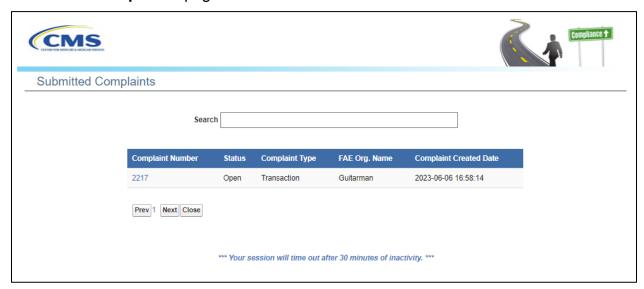


Figure 54 – Submitted Complaints List

Select the **Complaint Number** you wish to view. Alternatively, type the Complaint Number or FAE Organization Name in the search bar to open a specific complaint. The system will display the complaint that matches the search.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview** page for the selected complaint. Select the **Attach Files** button in the Attachments section of the Complaint Overview page.

The system will display the **Attachment Upload** page.

Select the **Choose File** button to select the desired file from your computer.

Select the **Attachment Type** from the drop-down list.

Note: The system will allow only the following file types: .dat, .docx, .pdf, .txt, .xlsx, and .zip.

Note: All files must be 4.8 MB or smaller to be accepted by the system.

Enter the description of the file in the **Description** text box.

Select the **Upload** button.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview** page indicating the file was saved successfully.

Please see **Section 4.1.5 – Attach Support Documents** for additional information.

4.2.2 Add Notes to a Submitted Complaint

The content of the notes is subjective and not restricted in any way. However, notes must not include any special characters or exceed a maximum of 1000 characters.

To add notes to an existing complaint:

Select the View Submitted Complaints button on the ASETT Welcome Page.

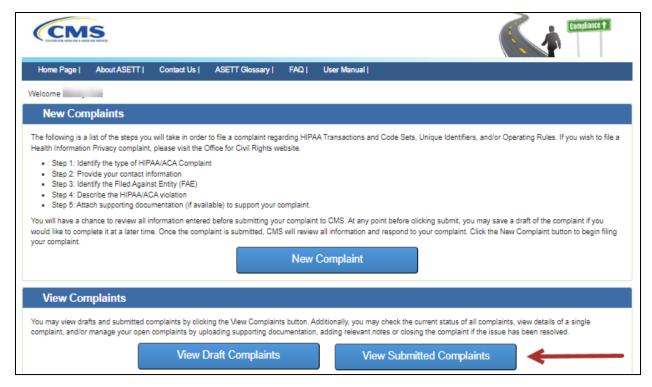


Figure 55 – View Submitted Complaints Button

The system will display the list of submitted complaints in a new window.

screenshot of the Submitted Complaints Page

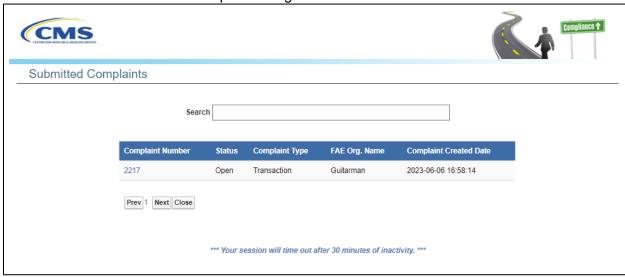


Figure 56 – Submitted Complaint List

Select the Complaint Number you wish to view. Alternatively, type the Complaint Number or FAE Organization Name in the search bar to view a specific complaint. The system will display the complaint that matches the search.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview** page (see **Section 4.1.8 – Review the Submitted Complaint**) for the selected complaint.

Select the **Add New Note** button in the **Supporting Files and Notes** section of the page.

The system will display the **Complaint Note** page.

Type the subject of the note in the **Subject** text box.

Type the description of the note in the **Description** text box.

Select the Save button.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview** page indicating the note was saved successfully.

Please see **Section 4.1.6 – Add Notes** for additional information.

4.2.3 View Draft Complaints

When you are ready to resume a saved (draft) complaint, select the **View Draft Complaints** button on the **ASETT Welcome Page**.

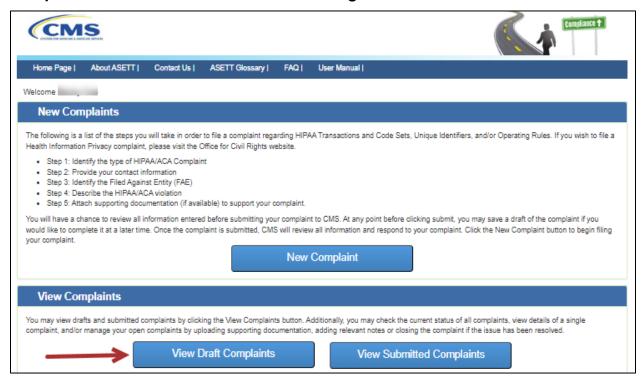


Figure 57 - View Draft Complaints Button

The system will display the draft complaints list page.

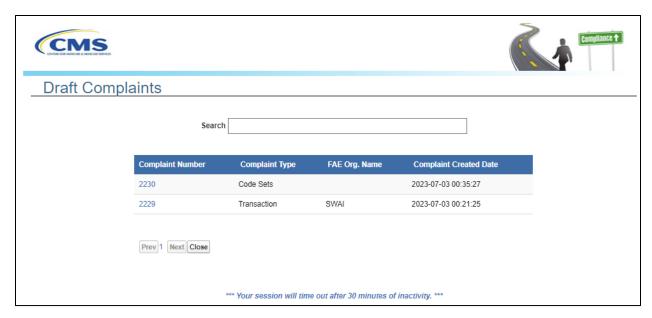


Figure 58 - Draft Complaints List

Reopen the draft complaint by selecting the number. The number is a hyperlink, and the draft complaint will reopen to the page where the **Save Draft** button was selected. Continue to enter your complaint details, save as a draft again, or select to cancel the complaint.

4.2.4 Close or Retract a Complaint

Use this function when the complaint is no longer valid or will not be pursued.

To close or retract a complaint:

Select the View Submitted Complaints button on the ASETT Welcome Page.

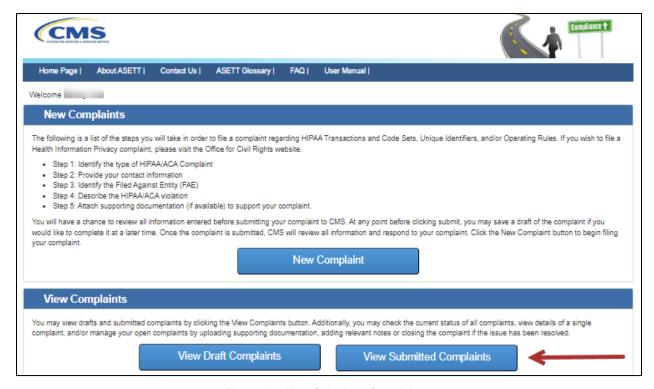


Figure 59 - View Submitted Complaints

The system will display the list of all submitted complaints in a new window on the **Submitted Complaints** page.

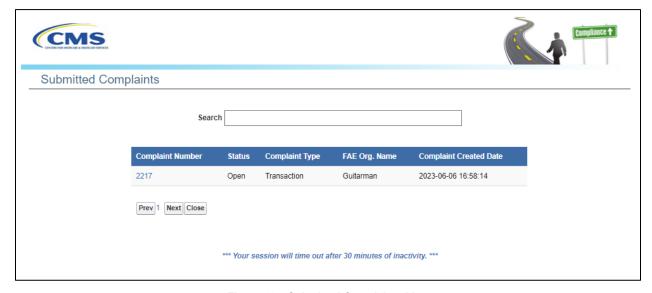


Figure 60 - Submitted Complaints List

Select the **Complaint Number** you wish to view. Alternatively, type the Complaint Number or FAE Organization Name in the search bar to open a specific complaint.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview** page for the selected complaint.

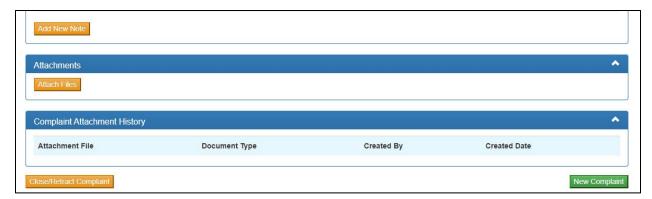


Figure 61 - Close/Retract Complaint Button

Select the Close/Retract Complaint button located at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the Close/Retract Complaint page.

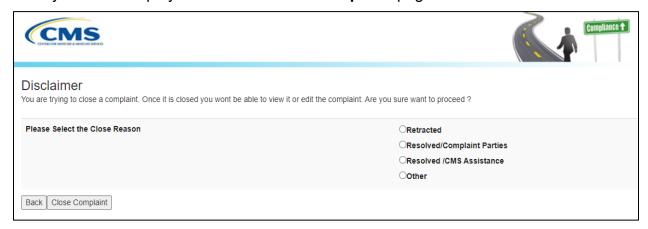


Figure 62 - Reason for Closure Page

Select the reason for the complaint to be closed from the list:

- Retracted
- Resolved/Complaint Parties
- Resolved/CMS Assistance
- Other

Note: If you select **Other**, you will be prompted to enter a reason for the closure.

Select the Close Complaint button.

The system will display the **Complaint Overview – Marked for Closure** page.

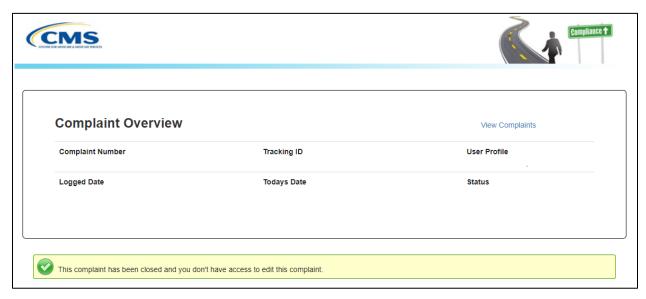


Figure 63 – Complaint Marked for Closure

4.3 Test HIPAA Transactions

ASETT also allows you to test your transaction files, to support or otherwise help resolve a complaint, or to verify that you are compliant with the HIPAA standards for electronic data interchange (EDI) standards.

ASETT provides access to Edifecs' **Onboarding, Testing, and Cloud Services (OTCS)** testing tool. New users must self-enroll in the **Self-Test** program.

4.3.1 Enroll in the HIPAA Transaction Testing Tool

On the **ASETT Complaints Community Welcome Page**, select the **Test HIPAA Transactions** button towards the bottom of the screen.

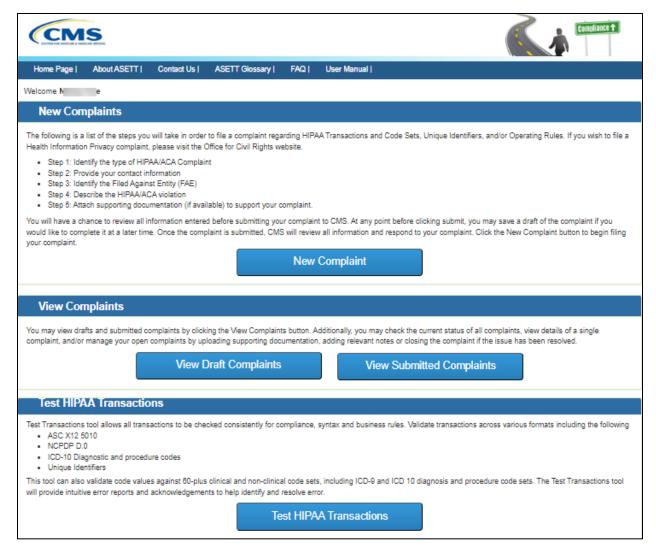


Figure 64 - Test HIPAA Transactions Button

The Test HIPAA Transactions page will be displayed.

Begin your enrollment by selecting the **Onboarding**, **Testing**, **and Cloud Services** (OTCS) link shown near the bottom of the screen.

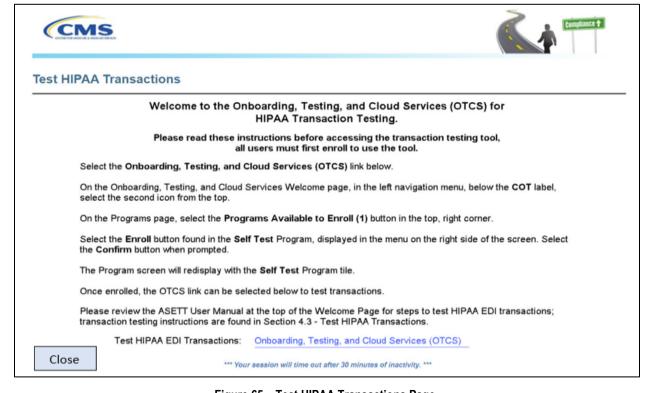


Figure 65 – Test HIPAA Transactions Page

On the Onboarding, Testing, and Cloud Services Welcome page, select the second icon from the top in the left navigation menu, below the COT label; Programs will display if you hover over it.

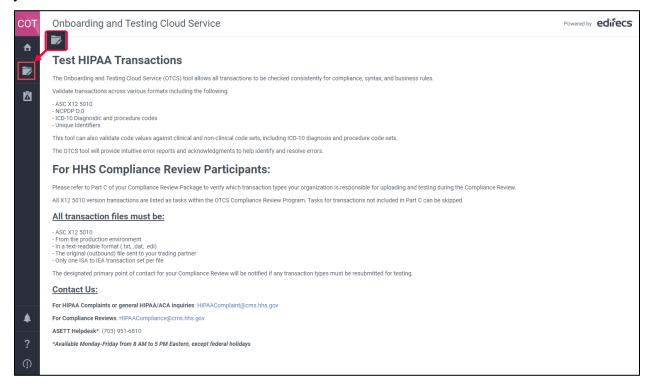


Figure 66 - OTCS Portal Welcome Page

On the Programs page, select the button in the top right corner **Programs Available to Enroll**.

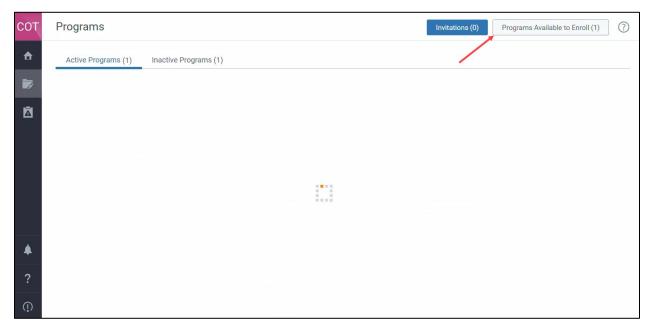


Figure 67 – Programs Available to Enroll Button

Select the **Enroll** button found in the **Self-Test** program, which is displayed under the **Programs Available to Enroll** heading on the right side of the screen.

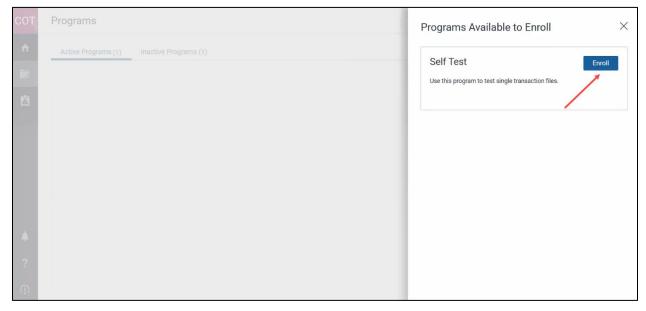


Figure 68 – Select the Enroll Button for Self-Test Program

Select the **Confirm** button when prompted.

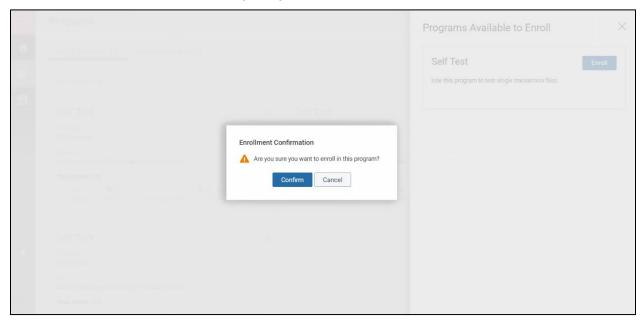


Figure 69 - Enrollment Confirmation Option Buttons

The **Program** screen will be redisplayed with the **Self-Test** program tile. A success message will be displayed at the top of screen, but briefly.

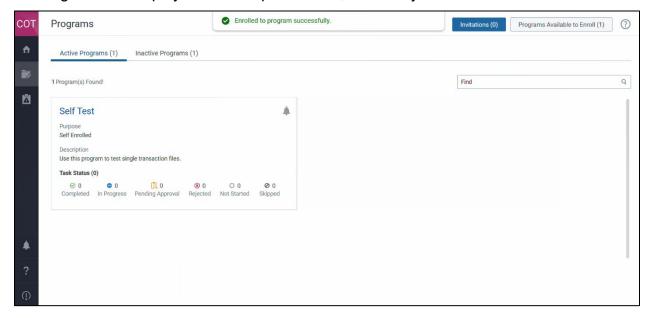


Figure 70 – Self Test Program Tile

4.3.2 HIPAA Transaction Testing

After enrolling in OTCS (see Section 4.3.1 - Enroll in the HIPAA Transaction Testing Tool), select the **Self-Test** title in the program title. The **Self-Test Task** page will be displayed.

Select a HIPAA EDI transaction type (**Task**) from the list on the left side of the page. The tasks available are:

- Validate HIPAA 837P
- Validate HIPAA 837I
- Validate HIPAA 837D
- Validate HIPAA 820
- Validate HIPAA 834
- Validate HIPAA 835
- Validate HIPAA 270

- Validate HIPAA 271
- Validate HIPAA 276
- Validate HIPAA 277
- Validate HIPAA 278 Request
- Validate HIPAA 278 Response
- Validate NCPDP D0 B1 Request
- Validate NCPDP D0 B1 Response

The following tasks are available to test, but there are no transaction standards that are enforced by HIPAA Administrative Simplification provisions.

- Validate X12N 999
- Validate X12N 277CA
- Validate X12N TA1

Select the Task from the list on the left, the Validate <transaction name> transaction page will be displayed on the right side of the screen.

Select the Create Execution Run button in the center of the page.

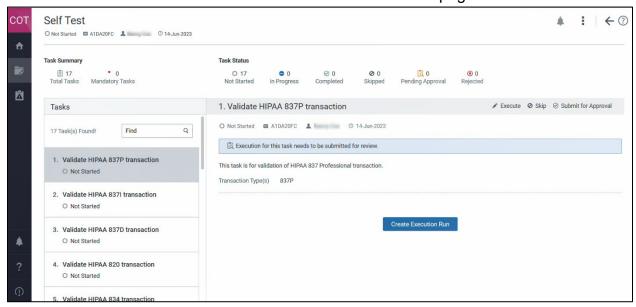


Figure 71 – OTCS Task Page

Select a HIPAA EDI transaction type from the list on the left side of the page and then select the **Create Execution Run** button in the center of the page.

A pop-up box will display.

- 1. Enter a unique name in the **Run Name** field.
- 2. Select **Upload Test File** icon to locate and attach a file from the CE's local device.

Note: The system will allow only .dat, .edi, and .txt file types for testing.

3. Select the **Submit** button.

To cancel the upload, select the **Cancel** button.

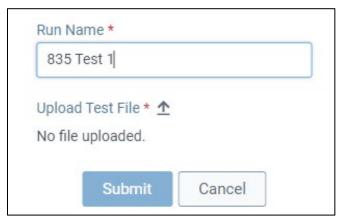


Figure 72 - HIPAA EDI Transaction File Upload

The **Validate Transaction** page will be displayed and show the HIPAA EDI transaction file uploaded to OTCS.



Figure 73 - Validate HIPAA EDI Transaction Page

Note: If additional files for that transaction type are to be tested, select **Execute** from the top of the page and repeat the upload steps.

When all files are uploaded, refresh the screen by selecting the refresh icon, found to the right of the Execution section, just above the heading Validation Response, which will process the transaction test. A confirmation message will be displayed briefly at the top of the page, and the Status will display Completed, with a download icon available below the heading Validation Response.

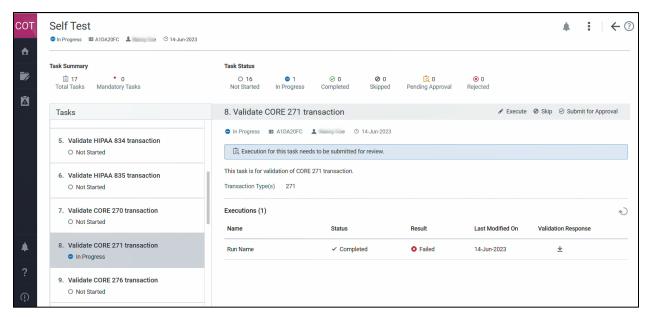


Figure 74 – Transaction File Submission Available for Download

To prevent locking the Transaction Task from future testing, **do not** select Submit for Approval, Mark Task Complete, or Skip. These options may appear to the right of the Execute option to the far right of the Transaction Task name.

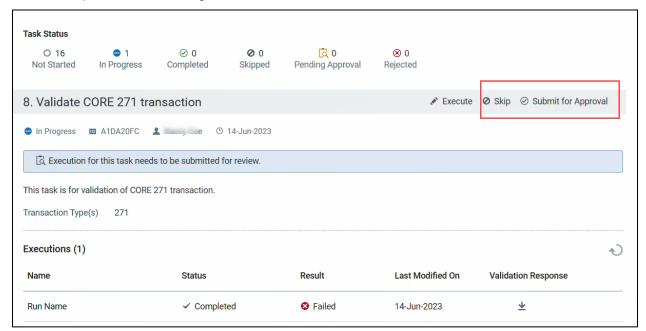


Figure 75 - Prevent Locking the Task

To exit OTCS, return to the **Programs** page, select the log out icon at the bottom of the left navigation pane.

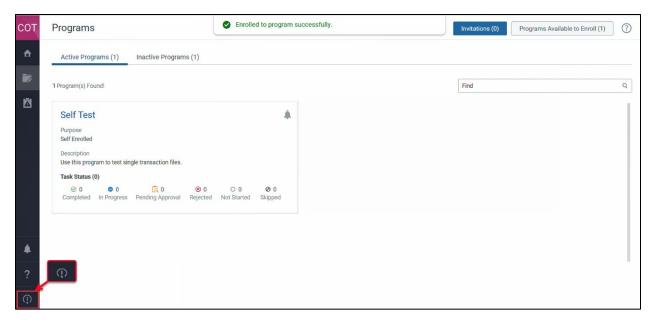


Figure 76 - Log Out of OTCS Button

After logging out of OTCS, close the browser tab to return to the **Test HIPAA Transactions Page** (if the system security time-out has not elapsed).

4.3.3 Error Report

When testing a transaction, the system will generate an Error Report.

To access the Error Report from OTCS, select the download icon under Validation Response.

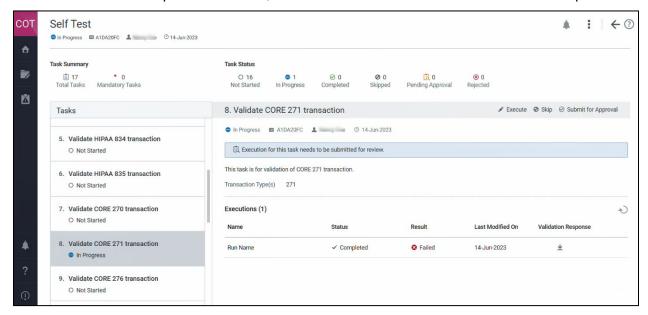


Figure 77 - Download the Validation Response File

The system will deliver a zip folder to your device that contains the Error Report in several formats – as an HTML file, and as a PDF file. Open the preferred version from the zip folder.

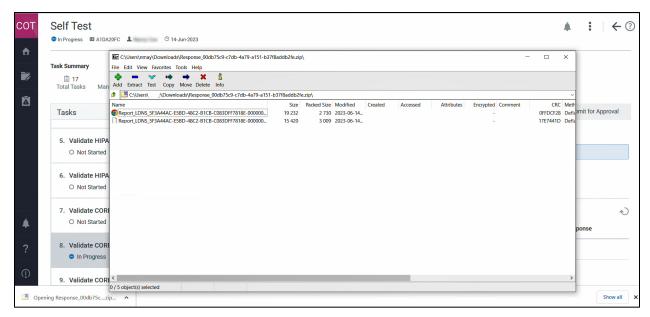


Figure 78 – Transaction File Error Report Download

The Error Report validates the content and formatting of the transaction file uploaded to OTCS for testing.



Figure 79 – Error Report (Excerpt)

A file that is compliant with HIPAA will result in an Error Report with no high severity errors. All found errors are described within the report and the severity of the error is noted.

5. Filing a Complaint without Registering

As an unregistered complainant, you may only input the details of your complaint. If you wish the opportunity to monitor your complaint, add notes, or upload supporting documentation to your complaint, please see **Chapter 4 - Filing a Complaint as a Registered User**.

All complaints are acknowledged by a system-generated email within 48 hours, followed by an acknowledgment notice containing next steps, sent to the email added as the complainant's contact email address. To file a complaint without registering, start on the **ASETT Home Page** at https://asett.cms.gov.

5.1 Get Started

Select the **Get Started** button located within the File HIPAA Complaint section of the page. (See **Section 3.2.2.3 – Get Started Button**).



Figure 80 - Get Started Button

The system will display the steps to file a HIPAA complaint along with a disclaimer message.

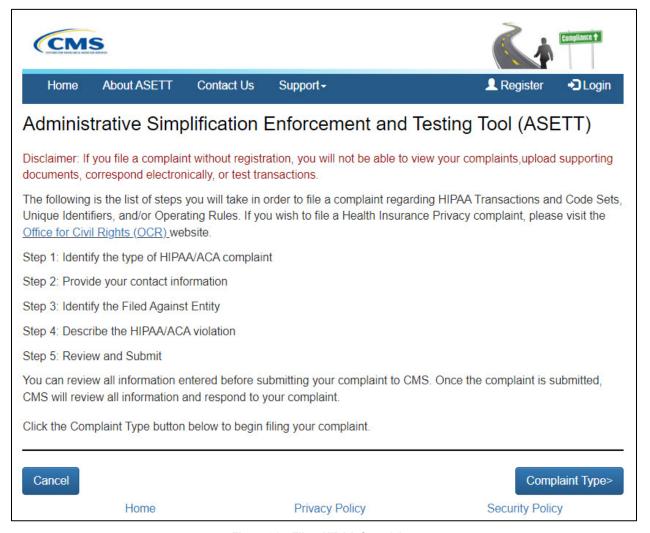


Figure 81 - File a HIPAA Complaint

Read the disclaimer.

Select the **Complaint Type** button at the bottom of the page to begin the complaint. The system will display the **Complaint Type** page.

5.2 Complaint Type Page

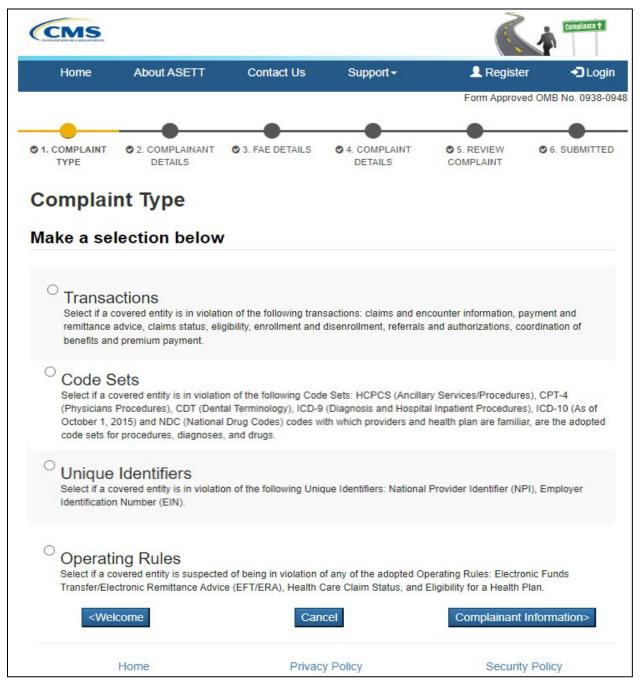


Figure 82 - Select Complaint Type

Select a Complaint Type radio button

- Transactions
- Code Sets
- Unique Identifiers
- Operating Rules

Select the **Complainant Information** button at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the Complainant Details page.

5.3 Complainant Details Page

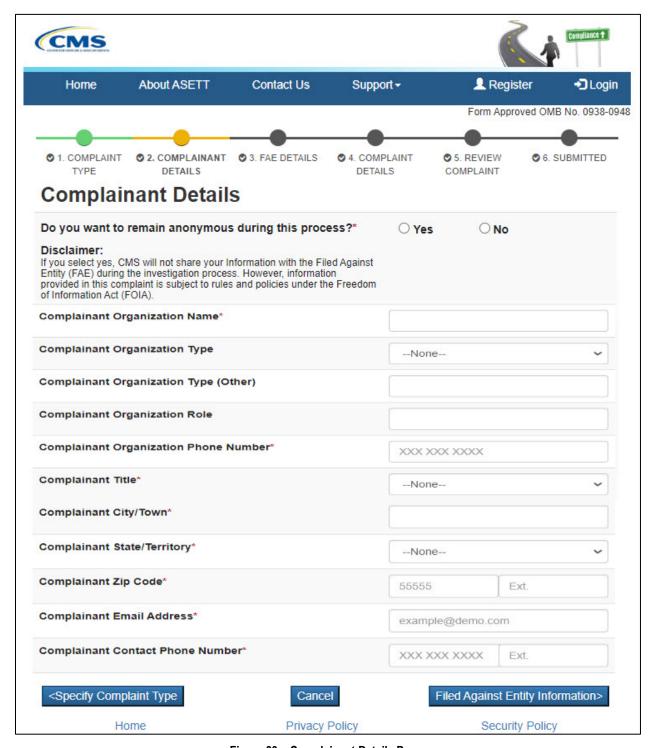


Figure 83 – Complainant Details Page

Complete the required fields, marked with a red asterisk '*' at the end of the field name.

Select the **Filed Against Entity Information** button at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the **FAE Details** page.

5.4 FAE Details Page

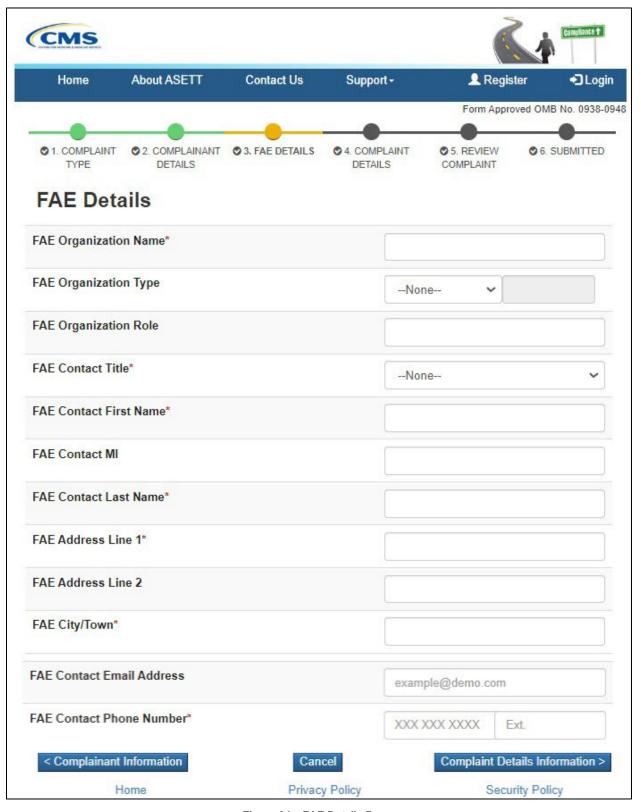


Figure 84 – FAE Details Page

Complete the required fields, marked with a red asterisk '*' at the end of the field name. Select the **Complaint Details Information** button at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the **Complaint Details** page.

5.5 Complaint Details Page

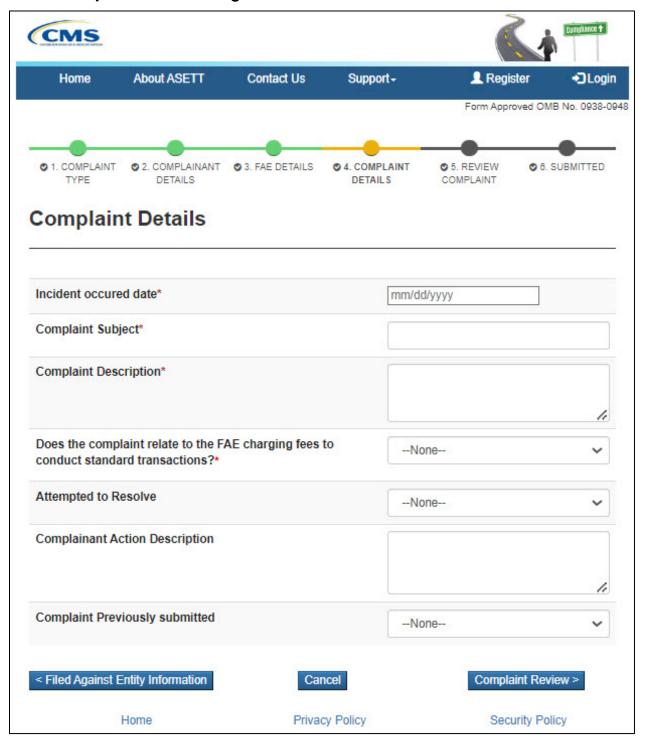


Figure 85 - Complaint Details Page

Complete the required fields, marked with a red asterisk '*' at the end of the field name. Select the **Complaint Review** button at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the **Reviewing the Complaint** page.

5.6 Reviewing the Complaint

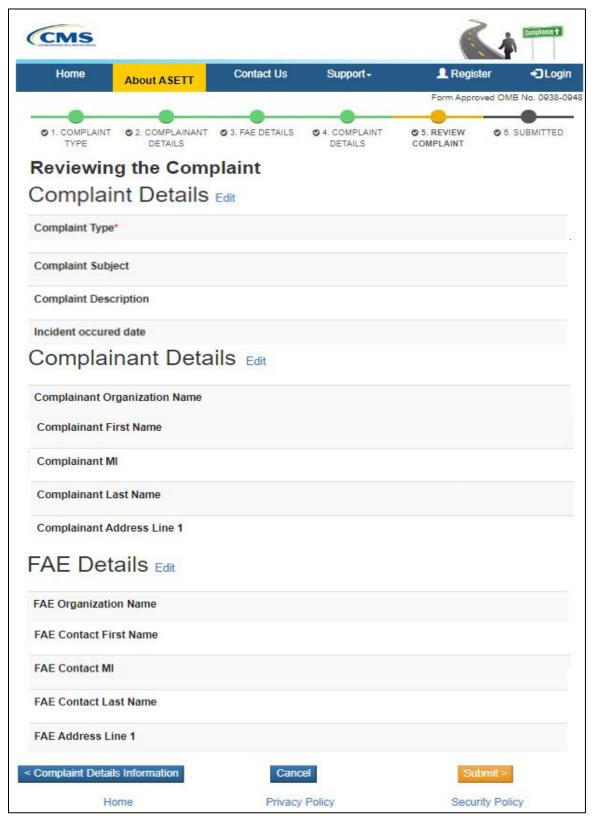


Figure 86 – Review the Complaint page (Excerpt)

Select the **Edit** hyperlink to the right of any of the page name headings to edit the selected page.

The system will redisplay the original page.

Select the **Back to Review Page** button at the bottom of the page to return to the **Reviewing the Complainant** page.

When the review is complete, select the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page.

A **Complaint Successfully Submitted** page will display with the assigned complaint number.

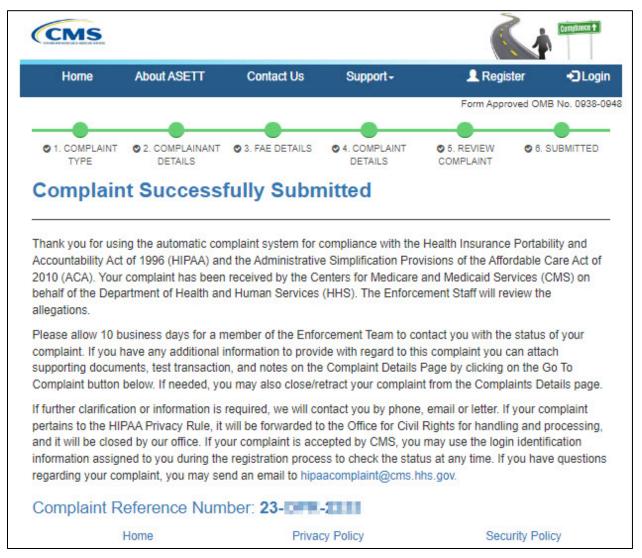


Figure 87 – Success Message with Complaint Number

5.6.1 Progress Bar

Each page within the complaint form displays a progress bar at the top. This is a visual representation of each screen in the complaint form. A completed screen will display a

green bubble, the screen currently in progress will display a yellow bubble, and screens upcoming display a black bubble.



Figure 88 - Progress Bar

5.7 Cancel Button

Each page within the complaint form displays a cancel button at the bottom of the page. This allows you to discard all details input if the complaint is no longer needed.

If you select to cancel the information entered, it cannot be recovered.



Figure 89 - Cancel Button

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6. Troubleshooting and Support

This section provides information for addressing the following types of issues:

- Error messages
- General HIPAA inquiries
- Production support for environmental issues
- Security incidents

6.1 Error Messages

The system generates error messages in the following scenarios:

- Error messages found during data entry
- ASETT System Error

6.1.1 Data-Entry Errors

The system will display instructional error messages when a required field is missed or if invalid characters are entered in a field. The error messages appear at the top of the ASETT detail pages. Each error message contains a brief description of the error and suggests corrective action.

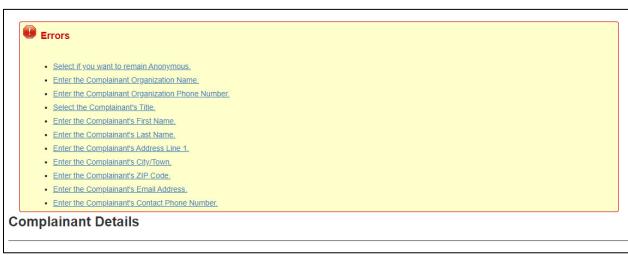


Figure 90 - Complaint Error Message Display

The following is a sample of error messages available on the complaint detail pages.

Table 2 – Complaint Detail Error Messages (Example)

Location	Error Message	
Complaint Type	Select a Complaint Type from the Complaint Type list	
Complainant Details	Select whether to remain anonymous in the Anonymous question	
Complainant Details	Enter the Complainant Organization Name in the Complainant Organization Name field	

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Location	Error Message			
Complainant Details	Enter the Complainant phone number in the Complainant Organization Phone Number field			
Complainant Details	Select the Complainant Title for the Complainant Title field			
Complainant Details	Enter the Complainant First Name in the Complainant First Name field			
Complainant Details	Enter the Complainant Last Name in the Complainant Last Name field			
FAE Details	Enter the FAE Organization Name in the FAE Organization Name field			
FAE Details	Select the FAE Contact Title for the FAE Title field			
FAE Details	Enter the FAE Contact First Name in the FAE First Name field			
FAE Details	Enter the FAE Contact Last Name in the FAE Last Name field			
Complaint Details	Enter the Incident Occurred Date in the Incident Occurred Date field.			
Complaint Details	Enter Complaint Subject in the Complaint Subject field			
Complaint Details	Enter Complaint Description in the Complaint Description field			
Add Notes	Please Enter Notes Title and Description before saving			
Close/Retract	Please Select Close Retract Reason			

6.1.2 System Errors

You may encounter an ASETT system error; however, there is no immediate corrective action to remediate the error. You can log back in ASETT and resume activity.

Upon receiving an ASETT system error, please notify ASETT Support about your technical problems or ask questions about the ASETT application.

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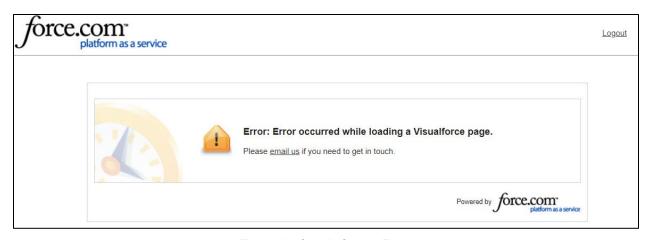


Figure 91 – Sample System Error

6.2 Support

For technical issues or questions about ASETT, contact the ASETT Helpdesk, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Eastern Time) at (703) 951-6810, or by sending an email to ASETTHelpdesk@religroupinc.com.

The ASETT Help Desk is available to assist with:

- ASETT complaint system
- ASETT.cms.gov website
- Screen or system errors
- System connectivity
- Password resets
- Complaint status

For an extensive compilation of HIPAA and ACA Administrative Simplification information, visit http://go.cms.gov/AdminSimp

For other inquiries, send an email to the mailto:HIPAAComplaint@cms.hhs.gov.

7. Appendix A: Record of Changes

Table 3 – Record of Changes

Version Number	Date	Author/Owner	Description of Change
2.3	4/20/2020	Nancy May	Complete update: new screen prints, reformat manual, update chapter arrangement, added new Help Desk contact email
	4/24/2020	Orlando Clarke	Quality Check
	4/29/2020	Nancy May	QC edits, Section 508 compliance edits
3.0	6/5/2020	Nancy May	Final for upload to ASETT Home Page
4.0	2/19/2021	Nancy May	Revised for new IDM registration process
4.1	3/5/2021	Nancy May	Updated with 508 compliance edits
5.0	6/30/2023	Nancy May	Updated with new Test Transaction enrollment and testing steps.
5.1	10/27/2023	Nancy May	Updates to New User Registration for revised Remote Identity Proofing process implemented by IDM on 8/15/20203

8. Appendix B: Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Table 4 – Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

Term	Acronym	Definition
.dat	N/A	A data file.
.docx	N/A	A Microsoft Office Word document.
.pdf	N/A	A multi-platform document created by Adobe Acrobat.
.txt	N/A	A text file.
.xlsx	N/A	A Microsoft Office Excel spreadsheet.
.zip	N/A	An archive that contains one (1) or more compressed files.
Administrative Simplification	N/A	Administrative Simplification is a provision emanating from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, requiring the Department of health and Human Services to adopt national standards for electronic health care transactions and code sets, unique health identifiers, and security.
Administrative Simplification Enforcement and Testing Tool	ASETT	ASETT is a web-based application that enables individuals or organizations to file a complaint against a health care provider, health plan, or clearinghouse for potential non-compliance with the (non-privacy) provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to include Transaction and Code Sets, Unique Identifiers, or Security. ASETT securely captures demographic information about the complainant and the filed- against entity, as well as details of the allegation and any supporting documentation provided by both parties.
Affordable Care Act	ACA	The ACA reforms certain aspects of the private health insurance industry and public health insurance programs, including increasing insurance coverage of pre-existing conditions and expanding access to insurance to Americans, while mandating an increase in total national medical expenditures.
Corrective Action Plan	CAP	A CAP is an organized approach to resolving a problem using data analysis, program analysis, corrective action planning, implementation, evaluation, and monitoring.
Electronic Data Interchange	EDI	EDI refers to the computer-to-computer exchange of structured information, by agreed message standards, from

Term	Acronym	Definition
		one (1) computer application to another by electronic means and with a minimum of human intervention.
Filed-Against Entity	FAE	The HIPAA-covered entity that is alleged to be in violation of the HIPAA/ACA standards for electronic data interchange transactions.
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	HIPAA	Title I of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act protects health insurance coverage for workers and their families when they change or lose their jobs. Title II of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, known as the Administrative Simplification provisions, requires the establishment of national standards for electronic health care transactions and national identifiers for providers, health insurance plans, and employers.
Onboarding, Testing, and Cloud Services	OTCS	A tool provided by Edifecs to validate HIPAA transaction files used in the healthcare industry.